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Public anger forces late Cabinet decision to introduce near total ban

Handguns outlawed



Major supports tough action by defiant Forsyth

Major supports tough action by defiant Forsyth. The ban will create outrage among shooting organisations which have lobbied hard for the rights of their members to be protected. But it will not satisfy Snowdrop, the anti-gun pressure group set up after Dunblane, which will argue that 22s can also kill.

Gun factfile



Handgun A small gun (pistol or revolver) which is designed to be capable of being held and fired using one hand only (though marksmen often use double-handed grip in practice).

- 0.22 inch calibre Diameter of the ammunition used.
Olympic Games and many other international target shooting disciplines are restricted to 0.22 inch calibre guns.
Number of people holding firearm certificates for handguns in Britain: 87,870
Number of legally owned handguns: 286,400
Of which 10% are 0.22 inch calibre.
Number of offences in Britain in which firearms used (1994): 14,725



Austin. Labour will claim the Government is panicking because it does not want to be seen to be out of step with public opinion. But Government sources insisted the deciding factor was the simple argument that a disturbed individual should not have been able to keep powerful handguns in a council house in Dunblane.

A Commons motion calling for a complete ban on handguns was being circulated yesterday and gained cross-party support. The Conservative MP, Hugh Dykes, said they tabled the motion to make sure their feelings were known before ministers made a final decision.

This is obviously a free vote and will be a matter for the whole of Parliament and I would guess that there is a very large majority in the House of Commons for an outright prohibition, and that has to be borne in mind by anybody considering these matters now.

Tory minister called to account over Hamilton

Speaker orders emergency debate on Willetts affair

Speaker orders emergency debate on Willetts affair. The House of Commons is expected today to order David Willetts, the Paymaster General, to appear before Parliament's most senior body to answer allegations that he tried to stifle the initial inquiry held two years ago into Neil Hamilton and the cash-for-questions scandal exposed by the Guardian.

who chairs the committee, said: "The commissioner is satisfied that his powers are sufficient to enable him to prepare the reports for which the committee has asked. If necessary, the committee will at his request exercise its powers to enable him to call for persons and papers and to facilitate the taking of evidence under oath."

good Tory majority" on the committee to ensure the issue was dealt with as quickly as possible. Alternatively it was suggested, the committee should decide to defer any investigation citing Mr Hamilton's pending libel action against the Guardian.

pressure was brought to bear on the select committee on members' interests in 1994. Mr Willetts said last night: "I am pleased that it is proposed to refer this matter to the committee on standards and privileges. I will help the committee in any way I can."

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Advertisement for Parker Frontier fountain pen. Text: 'The ultimate word processor for less than the price of a mouse.' Includes an image of the pen and a barcode.

Sketch

Unfriendly way to swap statistics



Simon Hoggart

THE Prime Minister rose for his first Question Time since July to the time-hallowed, ritual cry of "Resign!"

the novelist John Braine, who by then was very right wing indeed. He had been praising the United States at a dinner.

Clarke's tough stance pays dividends as surge by sterling scotches calls for higher interest rates

Pound hits two-year high

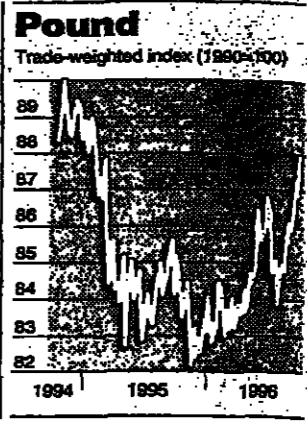
TOUGH talking by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, ahead of next month's Budget was reaping early dividends yesterday as a soaring pound put paid to pressure for a rise in interest rates.

sterling surged to a near two-year high on the foreign exchanges, helped by City expectations that Mr Clarke will stay true to pledges that there will only be tax cuts in the last Budget before the election.

Despite his avowed caution, however, Mr Clarke is expected to trim the basic rate of income tax by one penny in the pound on November 26, justifying the reduction by also cutting public spending.

figures are released today and some analysts expect the recent rise in high street sales to be reflected in an improvement in tax revenues.

and Italian governments for monetary union has given sterling a "safe haven" status for some investors.



Big brothers: The Land Rover range on display at the Motor Show in Birmingham. Below: The Peugeot Asphalte sports car.

Review

Chilling out with Roman drones

John Hooper

ALIGHT drizzle was falling on Michelangelo's Palazzo del Campidoglio in Rome. As she made her way out of the square towards the Forum, a tourist stopped, frowned and cocked her head quizzically, trying to identify the odd sounds issuing from the 12th century Palazzo Senatorio.

from Ancient Rome. But it is one of contemporary man's peculiarities that he refuses to accept there is something he cannot know if he just tries hard enough.

Land Rover aims to throw off green welly image with birth of new baby

Chris Barrie Business Correspondent

IT HAS long been regarded as the farmers' workhorse and plaything of the green welly brigade. Now, though, Land Rover is targeting women.



the XK8, has been designed with women drivers in mind. Gareth Rhys, of Cardiff Business School, said yesterday that all car companies were trying to sell cars to women more seriously than in the past.

Land Rover suppliers are based. However, there will be no new jobs at Land Rover, which has taken on 2,000 people in the last two years.

Key documents may be withheld from Downey

Richard Norton-Taylor on the uncertainty which surrounds watchdog's inquiry



Sir Gordon Downey: 'rules dictate private affair'

KEY documents relating to the cash-for-questions affair may be withheld from Sir Gordon Downey, the parliamentary commissioner for standards, it emerged last night.

papers. Some were disclosed to the newspaper's lawyers. However, Mr Hamilton withdrew from the libel action before the judge had the opportunity to inspect further government documents handed to him by Charles Gray QC, counsel for ministers the Guardian had subpoenaed.

"could do what they liked with it". He has acknowledged that his office has no "set procedures", and freely admits that he faces a "much bigger inquiry" than any other before he has been asked to do before.

OUR 50TH BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS ARE GOING OUT SOON.

THE THIRD AT 50 CONTINUES THE CELEBRATIONS WITH THE SECOND INVITATION CONCERT, CHOSEN BY NICHOLAS KENYON. BACH, BRAHMS, MACHAUT AND OCKEGHEM LIVE FROM ST GILES' CRIPPLEGATE, TOMORROW AT 7:30PM.



Advertisement for Southern Springs, featuring a car and text: "FBI rushes pole as mu... and maybe follow out... of cabin fe... in Antarctica... Winter streets claims... Christopher Dinn and..."

Southern spring reveals dark secrets



The US McMurdo base: Scene of a frenzied kitchen attack

FBI rushes to the pole as mutiny and mayhem follow outbreak of cabin fever in Antarctica

'Winter stress' claims new victims. Christopher Zinn and Ed Vulliamy report

TIME, darkness and the infinite expanse of ice and snow have played cruelly on the nerves of scientists and ancillary staff camped in the Antarctic winter, with nothing for company but 24-hour nights, 100-knot gales, temperatures of -50 centigrade and each other.

The first glimmer of Antarctic spring light yesterday illuminated chilling tales of mutiny and bloody mayhem at two research bases.

British explorers call it "cabin fever", the Australians prefer "winter stress". It's called going up the pole to the rest of us.

Three FBI agents have made their way to the American base at McMurdo Sound — unreachable during winter — to investigate a brutal assault. A cook in the camp gaily attacked another with a hammer. A third cook who tried to break up the fight was also injured.

The FBI agents will, according to Stan Wisneski, area manager for Antarctic Support Associates, the company that staffs and supplies the base, "take custody of the aggressor". He said both victims needed stitches.

The suspect is being "watched around the clock", he added. It is the first time the FBI has been called to enforce United States law in the Antarctic. Normally, chief scientists have enforcement power to deal with such offences as stealing rock samples or peering at the penguins.

Meanwhile, the Australian Antarctic Division has taken the unusual step of sending a mediator to its base at Casey — also snowbound until last week — to deal with an "interpersonal dispute".

"This is officious for a mutiny against a team leader," Mark Goodhall in response to a complaint he made about a staff member to Sydney headquarters.

Things came to a head among the staff of 16 when a meteorological observer left the base to meet his wife on her way back from another expedition. Mr Goodhall complained to the Australian Antarctic Division that this was irregular. His team secretly faxed the division a complaint about his handling of the incident.

The peacemaker, Robert Easther, who has just arrived at the base by supply ship, said the six months of isolation had caused an irrevocable breakdown in relationships. "Had we not been able to get a ship to them, had we not been able to send anyone down who knows what might have happened here," he said.

Antarctic "cabin fever" is not new. In the 1950s, a de-ranked researcher at Australia's Mawson base had to be locked in a storage room for a whole winter out of fear for the safety of the rest of the staff.

The doctor at Argentina's Almirante Brown station could not stand the isolation as winter closed in in 1983. He forced his evacuation, and that of his colleagues, by burning down the station. In the 1980s, a Soviet Antarctic scientist got fed up with a colleague over a chess game and killed him with an axe.

Reacting to the current situation, David Walton, of the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, said yesterday that "the British tend to try and deal with these things pragmatically, rather than call in psychiatrists or the FBI. I think I can categorically say that Scotland Yard has never been down to one of our Antarctic communities".

But he said the Antarctic is the loneliest place in the world in the winter. "These communities cannot be reached, they are completely isolated and become interdependent."

"So if you have a problem with someone, you have to see them at meals, work with them, and there is no way to get away from them as in a normal society. People only go outside accompanied by a colleague, so you can't go outside for a walk, which for some people can become quite a problem to handle."

Linda Capper, spokeswoman for the British Antarctic Survey, said that in permanent darkness "the reduced light levels can change your hormonal balance and bring on character changes".

One British camp has isolated huts where scientists can get away from their colleagues when nerve-ends become frayed, according to an Antarctic researcher. Dr Walton, aged 60, has been working in the Antarctic for 30 years and has come to notice what Americans call the "Big Eye".

"People working long winter periods can develop a glazed expression, staring into the distance," he said. "It's a way of being there physically, but getting away from the Antarctic for a while by being somewhere else in your mind, somewhere more congenial."



Argentina's Almirante Brown station: Scene of an arson attack in the winter of 1983

PHOTOGRAPH: JEAN GUICHARD

Howard plan lands courts with £4m bill

Duncan Campbell and Alan Travis

MICHAEL Howard's plans to "name and shame" juvenile offenders as young as 10, which he announced at the Conservative Party conference last week, will land the courts with an unplanned £4 million bill, the Lord Chancellor's Department has complained to the Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

Confidential Cabinet policy papers seen by the Guardian also show that this is not the first time Mr Howard has announced headline-catching initiatives without having sorted out how they will be paid for.

Gary Streeter, Minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has complained to the Cabinet that the Home Secretary has done it so many times that the courts and the legal aid fund face a bill for an extra £102 million over the next three years. He says Mr Howard has failed to agree that the Home Office should foot this bill.

Mr Howard's conference announcement of the plan to "name and shame" juvenile offenders failed to mention the concerns raised by the Lord Chancellor's Department, especially their worries about numerous appeals in the crown court and their "substantial costs".

In his letter to Tony Newton as chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Home Affairs, dated October 2 and marked confidential-policy, Mr Streeter writes: "I am concerned about the costs of these proposals, which will fall upon my department."

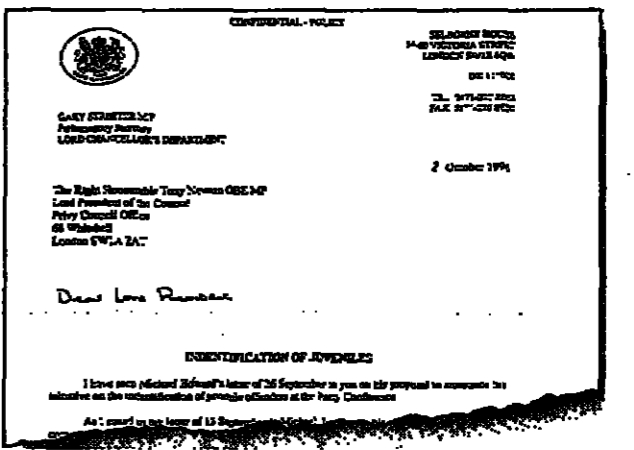
"I accept what Michael says, that representations to the youth court about the decision to identify a defendant are unlikely to add greatly to the proceedings."

"On the other hand, there is the possibility of an appeal to the crown court. Estimates agreed between our departments indicate that there could be appeals in approximately half the cases. Officials estimate that the cost to the legal aid fund will be about £3 million and the extra costs to the courts £1 million."

Mr Streeter makes clear that it is not the first time the Home Secretary has done this. "Despite the costs to the courts and legal aid of numerous initiatives... Michael has not agreed the resulting overall public expenditure survey transfers (public spending) to my department in accordance with the accepted procedures," complained the minister.

"I do not think I can, as a matter of principle, accept that the substantial costs of this measure are simply added to the outstanding sums," says Mr Streeter. He tells Mr Newton that he is informing the Prime Minister and Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary of the matter.

The correspondence implies that the populist announcements made by the Home Secretary in the run-up to the Tory party conference had not all been cleared with senior colleagues. They included: closing down nightclubs where drug dealing took place; a ban on underage drinking in public; prosecuting sex tourists in British courts; making stalking a criminal offence and allowing courts to impose driving bans for non-motoring offences.



Detail of the leaked letter from Gary Streeter to Tony Newton

Singer tears a strip off Catholic group for snubbing charity concert

Dan Gleister Arts Correspondent

FOUR years ago Sinead O'Connor ripped up a picture of the Pope on Saturday Night Live, the holy of holies of US television. Last month, it was reported that she had enrolled in a strict Catholic college to study theology.

Whether or not the two events are connected, forgiveness has not been forthcoming from an Irish Catholic development agency.

Trocaire, formally known as the Catholic Agency for World Development, announced yesterday that it was withdrawing its backing from a charity concert in which the singer is due to appear. The concert, to be held in Dublin on November 10, is to mark the first anniversary of the execution of Nigerian writer and civil rights activist Ken Saro-Wiwa.

"This is nothing personal against Sinead O'Connor. But we are dependent on the support of Catholic people and when she ripped



Sinead O'Connor rips up the Pope's picture on US television

up a picture of the Pope, we were deluged with protests," said a spokesman for Trocaire.

Last night the singer said: "It's not an issue about Sinead O'Connor, it's about freedom of speech."

"My action in tearing up the picture was to create controversy about things that needed to be discussed, which was what Ken Saro-Wiwa was about — the

right to criticise and oppose authority."

The organisation first asked for the singer to be dropped, but other artists appearing at the event countered that they would not perform unless she was involved.

Ms O'Connor, who has been voted most popular female singer in Ireland for the past five years, said that Trocaire was passing

up a perfect fundraising opportunity. "Do the children in Africa give a shit where the money comes from? From a business and financial point of view, it's a pretty stupid move," she said.

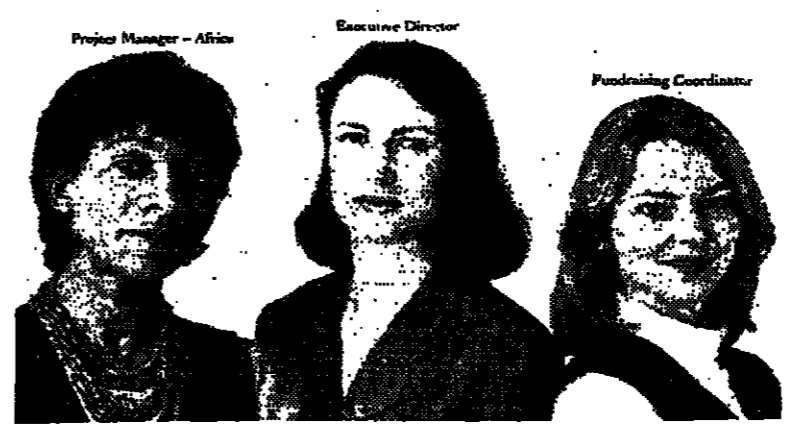
Peter McDonald, spokesman for the Body Shop, one of the other concert organisers, regretted Trocaire's decision, but said that the show would go ahead without it.

"We are absolutely delighted to have Sinead there. She is a tremendous Irish artist," he said. "There will be no tearing up of pictures. This will be a broadcast event."

Ms O'Connor, who was abused as a child, defended her actions on Saturday Night Live at the time, saying: "I was not sanctioning any hatred towards the Pope as a man, I was referring to the office of the Pope as an entity."

"Pope John Paul is probably a good man, but he remains silent on issues that I feel strongly about — like abortion and child abuse."

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"Pure Genius became one of the last places people could go to when they were chucked out on the street. It's amazing how few pissheads it takes to wreck somewhere."

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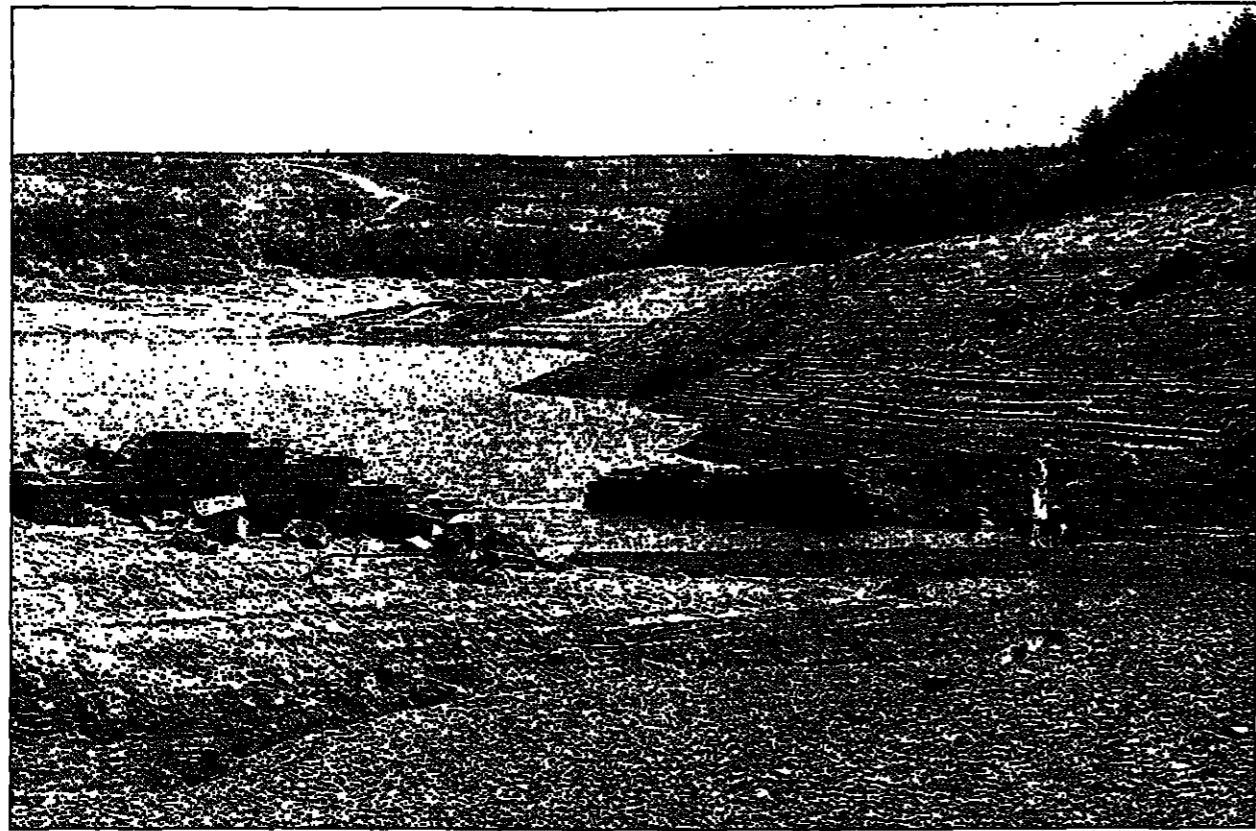


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Tough action demanded, write Paul Brown and Martin Wainwright



At the height of the 1995 drought, water levels in Thruscross reservoir, left, fell so low the drowned village of West End was uncovered. Right, the replenished reservoir two weeks before a drought order is lifted

Water firms told to charge big users more

Homes with pools and sprinklers 'should pay steep penalty rates'

A TWO-TIER system of charging for water, penalising people with swimming pools, sprinklers and appliances that use a lot of water, is demanded today by the Department of the Environment. Metering should be introduced in the South and East where supplies were short, the department said in a document. Once a basic ration of

water for "drinking and hygiene" had been used up, charges should rise steeply to cut summer peaks in demand. While metering in flats was not deemed necessary, houses with pools, sprinkler systems, more than one bathroom and water-hungry gadgets would be targeted. The 1995 drought and fears of shortages due to climate change prompted the review of water resources over the next 25 years. The document said water companies must charge more for profligate use. They would not be allowed to build new reservoirs unless leakage was under control and every effort made to cut demand. The department said it would consider regulations to enforce careful use of water if companies did not take their responsibilities seriously. It is clear the department is to put the squeeze on the companies by offering to give the Environment Agency and the Office of Water Services new powers to make them use

Yorkshire's 16-month drought ends with talk of a flush future

THE longest and most arid in Britain for half a century was declared over yesterday, as Yorkshire Water announced the imminent lifting of its hosepipe ban and the end of a raft of controversial riverwater extraction orders. Rainfall, £170 million infrastructure improvements and a slump in customer demand have cleared the way for normal service after 16 months. Reservoirs in the worst-stricken area, the normally rain-soaked Pennine chain, remain unusually low at 66 per cent, but that compares with 23 per cent a year ago. Kevin Bond, head of Yorkshire Water Services, said that 180 miles of new pipe and extra pumping stations now guaranteed supplies and the link to the

tees water system, completed this week would not be needed over the winter. The company, which heaped misery on itself by public relations gaffes during the drought, balanced the "save water" appeal with new targets to cut its own water waste. John Layfield, production director, said leakage had declined from 29.8 per cent to 26.4 per cent over the year. The firm, which is offering a free leak repair service, is also proposing a consultation exercise with customers and environmental groups to help decide services into the next century. The package was welcomed cautiously by consumer and environmental groups, with a warning against "repeating the failure to invest in the past". Peter Bowler, campaigns officer for Yorkshire Water's most persistent critic, WaterWatch, said: "There must be more replacement of pipes on a similarly massive scale to the emergency £170 million programme, if we are to avoid the crisis coming back another year."

'5,000 Shearers' lie unclaimed in bank vaults

THE bank vaults of Britain hold more than £77 billion in unclaimed deposits, a financial research company claimed yesterday — enough to build seven more Channel tunnels or field 463 football teams composed entirely of Alan Shearers. The sum, implying we are a nation of absent-minded squirrels frequently forgetting where we stored surplus funds, has been calculated by the marketing body Mintel. Equivalent to the United Kingdom's annual social security budget, the largest element of the overall figure is made up of money abandoned in dormant bank, building or friendly society accounts — estimated at £41 billion. As much as £22 billion exists in unclaimed cash or dividends from successive company flotations. Unused company benefits, a more notional value, are said to constitute a further £10 billion. Other assets left gathering cobwebs include £333 million in unused pensions, £452 million in unit trusts and £108 million in neglected life assurance policies. The degree to which incompetence or amnesia exceeds greed is illustrated by the fact

Parents 'in hell' as killer escapes

THE parents of one of the victims of a child murderer who has been on the run for three weeks last night said they were going through a second hell. Terence and Pamela Williams did not know that David Burgess, who sexually assaulted and then drowned their daughter Jacqueline, aged nine, was at large until told by journalists that he had escaped from prison. Burgess, who also stabbed Jacqueline's friend Jeannette Wigmore to death, walked out of Leyhill Open Prison, Gloucestershire, after serving

29 years in other jails. He is serving two life sentences imposed for the 1967 murders. Mr Williams, of Lynton, Hampshire, said: "I thought you could only go through hell once. But now we are going through it again. There has got to be an inquiry into what happened and how he got out. They should have kept him in a proper prison. He does not deserve to get out ever." Mr Williams, who was with police when they discovered his daughter's body in a gravel pit near Newbury, Berkshire, where Burgess worked, added: "This man ruined my life and robbed my first child of her future. The public should know the suffering that people like us feel. That is why I just want to see him back in prison. My wife says he should be hanged, but I have always said it would be too good for him. He should stay in prison for the rest of time." Mrs Williams said: "It has brought Jacqueline's death back again and it all seems like yesterday. I have never been able to forgive him and I honestly think he could do it again. He could even be out for revenge because he has been inside so long." The delay in publicising the escape of Burgess, aged 49,

News in brief

Pupil dies in fall from class window

A 13-YEAR-OLD boy plunged to his death from a third-floor window during an art class yesterday at Currie High School, in Edinburgh. Parents were contacted and asked to collect their children and education authority counsellors were sent to the school to help shocked pupils and staff. Elizabeth Maginnis, education committee convenor, said: "The teacher went over to a cupboard to get something from it, there were some screams and the next thing the teacher knew the child was out the window. We don't know the circumstances. The police are obviously taking statements from other children in the class who witnessed the incident." Eric Melvin, head of the 963-pupil school, said: "Our first thoughts are with the family of the boy. This is a tragic accident and naturally the staff and pupils are deeply distressed."

Eco-villagers evicted

LONDON'S first sustainable eco-village proved ultimately unsustainable yesterday when bailiffs evicted the inhabitants and destroyed all their dwellings. About 40 people had been living on the 13-acre site, in Wandsworth, south London, since several hundred unlawfully entered the derelict area in May to build homes and farm the land. The mass squat had been intended as a week-long demonstration against unused land in urban areas, but continued into a five-month social and environmental experiment. Guinness, the owner of the site, won eviction orders in June and August. One woman was arrested for biting a police officer's hand and another suffered minor injuries after falling off a 15ft-high roof. — Alex Bellos Up in smoke, G2 front

Judges delay custody ruling

THREE judges yesterday reserved judgment over whether a four-year-old girl should go to Jamaica with her mother, a drug dealer, or stay with her foster mother in Britain. Helen Osborne, aged 61, from Perth, appealed to the Court of Session in Edinburgh against a ruling in August by a sheriff that it was in the best interests of the child, Fiona, to be reunited with her mother. Mrs Osborne looked after Fiona while the girl's mother served a two-year jail sentence for supplying crack cocaine. The mother Althea Matthan, aged 21, is in Styal Prison in Manchester awaiting deportation, having completed her jail sentence. She has another daughter, Crystal, who was born in prison and who will go to Jamaica.

Girl and lodger found

A 10-YEAR-OLD girl and her family's lodger, who disappeared during a coastal walk in Devon, were found by police yesterday. Paul Husbands, aged 61, and Ann-Marie Radbourne were taken to Heavitree police station, Exeter, where they were both thought to be unharmed. They were found earlier in the day following a tip-off. Officers from Torbay, who were investigating the disappearance, travelled to Exeter to begin interviewing the pair. Fears for the girl's safety grew after she failed to return after leaving her Faginton home with the lodger on Sunday.

Financial adviser faces retrial

A FINANCIAL adviser accused of stealing £1.2 million from the Salvation Army is to face a retrial. A new hearing was ordered yesterday after the jury trying Stuart Ford, aged 45, cleared him of two of 23 counts of theft, but failed to reach verdicts on the remainder. A two-week trial at Southwark crown court heard that Ford, of Finchley, north London, allegedly stole the cash during a £6 million investment programme involving standby letters of credit. He told the jury he had never stolen a penny belonging to the Salvation Army and had always acted in its best interests.

Race attacks rise

THE police recorded 12,222 attacks and other incidents as racially motivated in 1995/96, a rise of 3 per cent over the previous 12 months, the Home Office announced yesterday. Home Office Minister Timothy Kirkhope said serious racial violence was still extremely rare and that there was no evidence that the problem was growing. "These figures show that the ethnic minorities are more confident about reporting these incidents to the police. They know they will be dealt with professionally." — Alan Travis.

Visiting the pub 'boosts job hopes'

Networking at local as good as JobCentre

IT IS the message the unemployed cribbage players at the corner table in the Dog and Duck have been waiting for, writes Larry Elliott. Far from simply boosting the profits of the big breweries, buying a round can be the first step on the road back to work. A study out today provides a counterblast to the moralists and the anti-drinking health police, suggesting that men head off for a couple of

Regulars raise their glasses to hunt for work

goes. Different professions tend to drink together. I go to the Queen's Head in Fulham, it's a pub where artists gather, and I've picked up a few commissions there. Harry, who was off sick and was nursing a medicinal pint of bitter, said he had found work in the past at the bar. "You're more likely to get casual work in the pub. It's word of mouth. You pick up jobs passed from people you know," he said. "It's all cash in hand, mostly building work. Beer tokens, we call it. You can do a day's work and earn enough to go back to the pub."

'Honesty of police' at issue in pocket calculator theft case

Mr Goss said PC Whitworth had been videoed taking the calculator on February 11, 1994, and had said nothing when his shift was paraded four days later and all members asked if they knew where the instrument had gone. The officer denies theft, saying he had only borrowed the calculator to use in the accounts for the forces football team, of which he was treasurer. Mr Goss said that it was not suggested that PC Whitfield, of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, had anything to do with the other missing items. After being arrested and told his car and house would be searched, he had told fellow officers there was no need as the calculator was at home, where he had done the accounts. He had said: "I was going to put it back. I don't want a calculator." He had not owned up at the parade as he did not want to say anything in front of his shift. A colleague, Sergeant Michael O'Keefe, told the court that it was common for officers to borrow small items and later return them. The case continues.



A bus qualifies for the Guinness Book of Records by hitting a railway bridge in Swindon, Wiltshire, the 83rd time it has been hit in six years. The Railtrack stunt yesterday was to highlight damage to railway bridges by vehicles, which costs Railtrack £5 million a year in repairs

Navy angered as army man gets top job

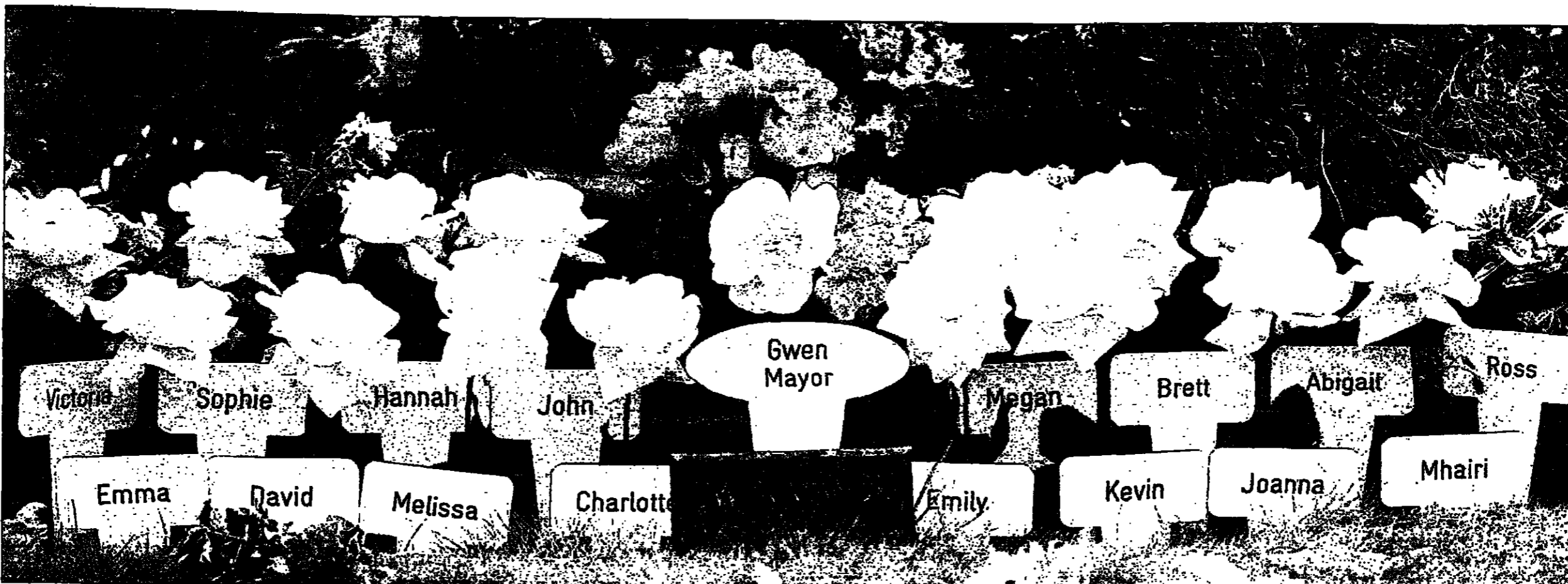
DAVID FAIRHALL, Defence Correspondent. A FORMER SAS officer, General Sir Charles Guthrie, has been appointed to Britain's top military job after bitter behind-the-scenes arguments with the navy, which wanted its own man to be chosen. Sir Charles takes over next year from another soldier, Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, who became Chief of the Defence Staff when his RAF predecessor resigned over a sexual scandal. It is about 10 years since the navy was represented at this level. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton said yesterday he found it "impossible to imagine" why Admiral Jock Slater, First Sea Lord and a former vice-chief of the defence staff, was not chosen, since both candidates were of comparable quality. However, a Ministry of Defence official said that after long consideration by the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, the choice had been made "on merit".

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Erlend Clouston meets parent of a six-year-old who was shot and lived: 'You have the stress of possible long-term problems'

Trauma of Dunblane survivor's father



The grave at Dunblane cemetery of Gwen Mayor, the teacher killed when Thomas Hamilton opened fire in the primary school gym on March 13, displays the names of the 16 children who died with her

PHOTOGRAPH BY MURDO MACLEOD

MARK Mullan, now aged six, was shot but lived when Thomas Hamilton walked into the Dunblane gym on March 13. "We're getting over the physical injuries," says his father, Jim. "We're hoping for the best long-term. Short-term, there isn't any depression or anything like that." Sixteen children and a teacher were shot that day

and died; 14, including Mark, were injured. Mr Mullan said: "You have the problem of the stress of your child being shot and maybe having long-term psychological problems, but then you have the trauma of having 17 people killed. So you can't say 'I'm happy, our child has survived'." Mark won't talk, or hardly ever, about what happened. He has had one session with a psychologist at Stirling Royal

Infirmity and more are planned — one a month, maybe, for the next two years. Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, aged 54, emphasises that the boy is not mentally ill but just needs to be sort of emotionally flushed out. "He's trying to forget, which is fine; but isn't fine, if you understand. He needs treatment, but not in a dramatic way. Just to talk to him and discuss it with him gradually. Just one pace at a time.

Just slowly coming to terms with it." Mr Mullan also has reservations about trawling too deeply through his memory. He does not want the publicity, he explains. After a pause, he says Mark was seriously injured. "He tried to avoid the bullets. Which actually helped him. The fact he started to run out of the way, instead of standing there, helped to minimise the impact." Mr Mullan had been in his

Stirling office when his wife rang him. She had noticed police closing off the road to the school. Twenty minutes later he was in Dunblane and then, after some hours, back in Stirling by Mark's hospital bedside. "His life was in the balance for four days. He was conscious throughout. Just calmly sitting there waiting his turn." The bullet holes have healed, and Mark plays like

any ordinary six-year-old. "He was slightly more aggressive for a few months, but not now. On the face of it you wouldn't think there's anything wrong with him." Perhaps because of his tranche of good fortune, Mr Mullan is philosophical about what Lord Cullen's report might recommend today. "I would like some gun banning," he says, "because I think it will happen again, or something similar, as you

can't trust people with such dangerous weapons. He goes in a car, if you're not driving, you think 'God, is he going to be all right?' "It's up to Lord Cullen. If he left the guns that are used for the Olympic Games, with a single shot, that would be acceptable to me." Nonetheless, Mr Mullan has found the build-up to today an exhaustion to pile on other exhaustions. "I don't perform as well as I used to, with all this stress going on." One worry is the Mullan luck might not stretch so far again. "So when

Cullen inquiry into gun control and other issues: questions and answers

Q. What was the Cullen inquiry intended to do?
A. It was set up after the murders of 16 children and their teacher at Dunblane primary school on March 13. Lord Cullen, a Scottish judge, examined the issues of gun control, school security and vetting of adults working with children.

Q. How thorough was it?
A. In physical terms, extremely thorough. In 26 days it heard 171 witnesses and accumulated two tonnes of transcripts and legal submissions. However, it failed to turn up incontrovertible evidence that Hamilton was a practising paedophile.

Q. Will anyone be blamed?
A. As well as demanding a much more rigorous approach from the Home and Scottish Office on gun legislation, Lord Cullen is expected to have harsh words about Central Scotland police's firearms licensing procedures. The most exposed individual is Douglas McMurdo, formerly Central Scotland's deputy chief constable, now assistant chief inspector of constabulary in Scotland. He decided a junior officer's memo in 1991 demanding revocation of Hamilton's gun licence ("He is an unsavoury character and an unstable personality") did not justify any action. Hamilton's licence was renewed in 1992 and March 1995.

Q. What did Central Scotland police do wrong?
A. The inquiry heard that, contrary to force standing orders, Hamilton's firearms file contained no criminal intelligence reports relating to the 1988 and 1991 investigations of his summer camps.

Q. What was Mr McMurdo's excuse?
A. That the controversial memo, submitted by the head of his force's child protection unit, gave a misleading account of Hamilton's assault on a camp member. More criti-



Lord Cullen: dealt with two tonnes of documents

cally, he argued that a policeman's "gut feeling" would not have been seen as sufficient evidence at the judicial review Hamilton was entitled to. Despite being reported four times to procurator fiscal by Strathclyde and Central Scotland police, Hamilton was never charged with any offence, let alone convicted.

Q. Surely after the 1987 Hungerford massacre, in which 16 people were shot by legally held weapons, the Government has intensified its monitoring of firearms licence holders?
A. No. In 1994 the life of a licence was extended from three to five years. The probationary period a new member has to serve at gun clubs has been cut from six to three months. From January 1 the Home Office dropped the rule that new members be endorsed by an outside referee.

Q. How do you qualify for a firearms licence?
A. Chief constables grant them if satisfied that appli-

cants have a good reason for owning a gun (ie target shooting), that they are not of "intemperate habits or unsound mind", and that weapons and ammunition can be stored securely at home. If, as in Hamilton's case, there is no formal evidence of unsuitability, chief constables are advised to exercise a discretion which can be challenged by judicial review.

Q. How easy is it to acquire a licence?
A. In 1995, out of 40,860 new applications for firearms and shotgun licences, only 500 were turned down; out of 264,580 renewal applications, 250 were rejected.

Q. Presumably the police have a shared view on the best way of avoiding further gun massacres?
A. No. The three Scottish staff associations want any permitted firearms to be secured in gun clubs. The Association of Chief Police Officers (English, Welsh and Northern Irish) would prefer them to be stored in licence-holders' homes.

Q. If Hamilton was thrown out of the scouts as a suspected paedophile in 1974 why was he still running boys clubs 20 years later?
A. The scouts did not tell Central region, which subsequently was ordered by the ombudsman to reinstate Hamilton's lets. Similar bureaucratic "walls" prevented Central from learning that suspicious Fife and Lothian councils had blocked Hamilton's activities. Lord Cullen is expected to recommend a universally accessible data base for vetted youth workers.

Q. How much might it cost to protect schools from intruders?
A. About £10,000 will buy perimeter fencing, closed-circuit TV, panic buttons in every classroom and a single control room to point Dunblane primary now has 31 telephone lines, three mobiles, a fax machine and CCTV link to police HQ at Stirling; cost unknown.

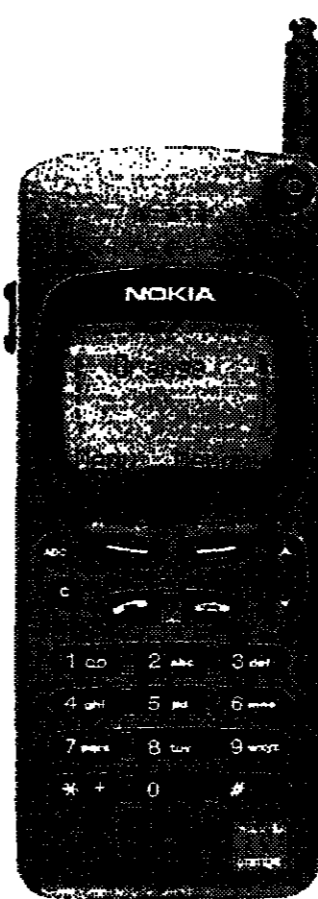
Q. Did anyone speak on behalf of Hamilton?
A. His adoptive father said: "He never raised his hand to me at any time." In its evidence, the Scottish Target Shooting Federation speculated that Hamilton might have been driven to his action because he was "ostracised, shunned and vilified by various parts of the community".

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President's visit to East Timor a 'publicity stunt'

Suharto snubs peace laureate

John Aglionby in Jakarta

INDONESIA'S President Suharto met the 1996 Nobel peace laureate, Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo, yesterday but snubbed East Timor's Roman Catholic bishop by avoiding mention of the honour.

would have been better if it had been done," he said. Indonesia denounced Friday's peace award. The foreign minister, Ali Alatas, described Mr Horta as a "misguided adventurer" and avoided comment on Bishop Belo.

In his speech at the inauguration ceremony, President Suharto said: "The erection of this statue ... shows that since East Timor has become part of Indonesia, sacred and religious values in this area are continuously growing and developing."



This 90ft bronze statue of Christ at Fatukama Bay, near the East Timorese capital Dili, was yesterday unveiled by the Indonesian president

Massoud army tightens noose around Kabul

Jonathan Steele in Kabul

LIKE a noose tightening around the jugular, the Afghan forces opposing the Taliban militia moved another stage closer to the capital Kabul yesterday.

criss-crossing his black shirt cut an imposing presence, except for his bare feet. His words were less arresting. "We're upset that we've lost so much ground. The Taliban are good people," he said.

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City swallows up its green jewel

Bombay's national park is fighting off a human invasion, writes Suzanne Goldenberg in the last of her series on the sprawling city

lamps, and a long-distance telephone service. Others have fared less well. Mr Lakshmanmani works as a building worker, earning 70 rupees a day for the task of transforming the hillside into a slum.

THE women march up the ridge in columns, each head-load of bricks another advance in the human invasion of a green refuge on the outskirts of Bombay.

In this war between animals and humans, Mr Bharti has little sympathy for his own species, whom he estimates have destroyed 500 acres of parkland. He says all Bombayites will suffer if the park dies, losing a magical retreat as well as protection for the catchment areas of the city's main water supply.

They are not all poor: it is a very systematic effort by slum lords to grab the land'

hovel. Like Mr Pal, she pays an additional sum each month to those who claim to own the land.

When I came here, this was all jungle," said Bhayana Lakshmanmani who migrated to Bombay from Hyderabad eight years ago. "But what can I do? I had to live somewhere."

On the edges of the park are 24 officially sanctioned quarries, and an approved meat packing plant. The city only approved plans to complete the fencing around the park last month.

When he came to Appa Pada, he paid 40,000 rupees (now about £800) for a one-room shack. Now, it is a tidy two-room shop, providing dried goods, kerosene

MPs' Last Chance Saloon
What was it the Speaker said about transparency?

AND SO, creakingly, the post-Nolan mechanisms for investigating parliamentary sleaze stutter into action. On Monday afternoon the Speaker announced that she wanted the investigations to be speedy, thorough and "as transparent as possible."

serious allegations" to which the Speaker referred in her statement, but since Betty Boothroyd did not elaborate on what those allegations were we are not much wiser. There is nothing in Sir Gordon's original brief that says he must carry out his investigations in private, but that is apparently what he intends to do.

Keeping the talks on the road
Ulster still needs an IRA ceasefire for genuine progress

WHEN is a breakthrough not a breakthrough? Answer: when it's an agreement between the Ulster Unionists and the nationalist SDLP.

Boys that they intend to march on the city walls overlooking the nationalist Bogside area this weekend. The Northern Ireland secretary must be as forthright in his response to this threat as he was when he banned the Apprentice Boys from marching the same route in August.

Race of the grounded aircraft
The UK land speed record is threatened: why don't we care?

IN 1896 the Frenchman Gaston Chasseloup-Laubat established the first official world land speed record of 39.2 miles per hour. For people travelling along roads at the pace of a horse (about 15 mph) this speed must have seemed awesome.

Breedlove are planning to break the sound barrier in an attempt to exceed the world record of 633.4 mph held by another Brit, Richard Noble, who is backing Green. They will both be driving jet-propelled racing machines (with an engine of 20,000 lbs thrust for Breedlove and two of 22,000 lbs for Green).



Letters to the Editor

Missionary imposition

TO say that Mother Teresa's "19th century" (Sins of the missions, October 14) is an insult to the humanitarian traditions of the last century. It is distinctly medieval. One has to realise that she gives this "low-level care" to a small number of people.

Her world famous Home for the Dying in Calcutta (Nirmal Hriday) has 95 places, and conditions are like those of a concentration camp. The West has, of course, jealously guarded this woman over the last half century. It is a true fact that she is not criticised in India but such criticism never surfaces in the West.

people are poor" is a malicious get-out. It is up to politicians to sort that one out, but in the meantime someone has to relieve the suffering, even if it might not meet Western standards.

MY memory of Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying was of destitute Hindus being predominantly "nursed" by middle-class sanctimonious European nurses who fed them food they were not used to (good Christian meat dishes) and spoke to them in a language they didn't understand.

When it comes to appraising Mother Teresa's work, the West makes two vital mistakes: a) at least she is doing something while the others do nothing; b) if the others are doing something or even much more than her, it was she who started it all.

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Facile criticism of Mother Teresa recalls that levelled at Dr Albert Schweitzer and the hospital at Lambarene. Dr Schweitzer was a physician, Mother Teresa is not. Each has in common a pioneering venture in care of the infirm in difficult surroundings.

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CONSIDER your presentation on Mother Teresa utterly disgraceful. She has taken on tasks which none of your contributors would touch with a bargepole, and she gets in her ninth decade in abuse.

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SPENT seven months working at Mother Teresa's first "home" at Khalighat in Calcutta after I left school. Criticism is very often given from a Western viewpoint with no understanding of working in India.

When a volunteer has worked for some months, it is possible to put forward ideas. I was a main protagonist in persuading the Khalighat sisters to build an area for washing the soiled blankets separate from the food dishes; to use disinfectant when re-using needles instead of only cold water, to prevent the spread of hepatitis and other infectious diseases; and not to administer aspirin to patients with stomach ulcers.

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FOR some reason, John Major must persistently remind us of his supposedly lowly origins in Brixton. Who has forgotten Mr Major's 1992 general election broadcast in which he drove past his one-time Brixton home gasping, "Is it still there? Where did he expect it to be?"

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Who will provide emergency treatment for the decrepit NHS?

YOUR report that Hillingdon's over-75s are being denied emergency treatment is almost beyond belief (Hospital in cash crisis bars many elderly, October 10). But sadly, with recent warnings of services being "closed to collapse" and the closure of neighbouring casualty units, what is beyond belief is that this crisis was not foreseen.

meet these needs, otherwise the crisis in long-term care can only deepen. Sylvia McLaughlan, Director-general, The Stroke Association, Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8JZ.

"A difficulty in discharging elderly patients" is no excuse for refusing older people emergency treatment purely on the grounds of age. If there is such a conflict between clinical and administrative judgment, the consequence must not be older people's deaths, for this will surely happen. Clinical need must prevail. It is unforgivable to tell older people that their lives are worth less than everyone else's.

MY wife and I were appalled to see the restrictions on older emergency patients in Hillingdon. My very cynical view is that it is a revenge attack on these people for voting the Conservatives out in 1992. Their childhood was in the inter-war years of depression, starvation, poverty and all such ills. The older ones possibly lost their fathers in the carnage of the trenches of the First world war.

The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts and others have already warned that London's health services will be under severe pressure this winter. If this is happening in Hillingdon in October, what is in store for older people as the cold weather bites?

TO add to your correspondent's recent sightings of modern boltlocks - "bed blocker", a term we shall no doubt continue to hear, to describe people over 75 who presumably monopolise hospital beds because there is no where for them to be discharged to. The Hillingdon Health Trust's simple solution: do not let them in.

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And briefly...

THE "team" illustrated in the Referendum Party's ad (October 15) looks considerably more competent than the lot we've got at the moment, and more trustworthy. (Clr) John Woodford, 18 Town Furlong, Appleton, Oxon OX13 5JW.

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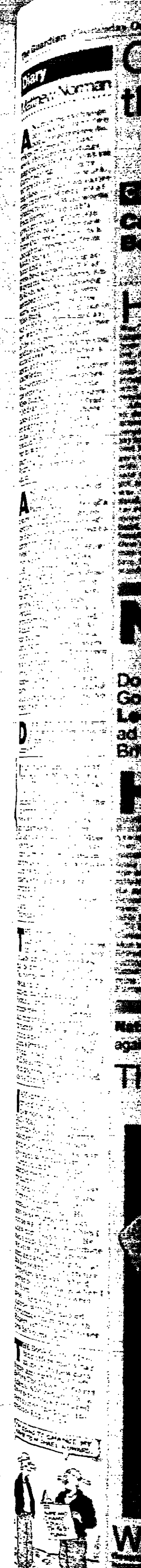
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Diary Matthew Norman

A amusing exchange of views between two popular actresses develops in Time Out. Last week, the London listings mag quoted Helena Bonham Carter saying: "If you're not pretty and you're working class, you have an easier time in terms of people's attitudes to you."

ASCHISM opens up in the Referendum Party. As founder of a centre-left group for Eurosceptics, Arne McElivoy of the Spectator was invited to dinner in Brighton this week by Carla Powell. However, when she saw Miss McElivoy's piece in Monday's Telegraph, Lady Powell rang to tell him that "you are not talking seriously enough".

DOES anyone have any idea what's become of Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen? In another lurch up-market, Kelvin McKenzie's Live TV has made a foray into political reporting, sending Helen Gibson to the conference to grab interviews with party leaders and other senior figures.

THE entertaining career of Paul Flynn as the worst-behaved boy on London's back benches was drawing to a close. The Newport MP was due to speak on the platform of anti-monarchy group Republic at a Conference fringe meeting, but at the last minute had second thoughts.

I AM entranced by my friend Andrew Neil's new book, which the Daily Mail is serialising. Ever the foe of self-aggrandisement, Andrew deals with his Christmas Days in Colours with the family Murdoch and his single-handed reshaping of the monarchy, with the delectable touches. Old colleagues from the Economist are equally captivated.

THE Book Club of Ireland offers many bargains in its new catalogue, among them £6 off Before The Dawn by Gerry Adams. Also reduced by a fiver is the heavy, £12 next to it on the page, Incredible Explosions.

I'M GOING TO CHANGE MY NAME TO MICHEL HOWARD.



Classless society that never was

Commentary Catherine Bennett

HOW seriously should we take John Major's recent expressions of sympathy with Class War? Does he consider his target CJs so dimwitted that none will compute the number of old-school ties in his own party? Or, now that the next election is becoming a straight, man-to-man contest with Tony Blair, is he, conceivably, being genuine?

attitudes towards privilege and private education can scarcely endear Major to the old-school-tie-owners he supposedly represents, such as the "incensed" old Fettesian Daily Telegraph reader who wrote in to protest against Major's implied plans for "classless mediocrity".

upon their talent, their application and their good fortune. As we know, all this has turned out to be the purest piffle. Unless there is something meaningful in the elevation of a few more lollipop ladies, Britain remains as consumed by snobbery and sycophancy as ever.

members of the middle classes. Major's latest wheeze — the abolition of inheritance tax — is equally unlikely to transform the prospects of Sierra Leone. Britain remains, as surely as it was in Orwell's day, "the most class-ridden country under the sun".

acquire the Baden-Powellish sense of certainty which allows him to preach morals to his inferiors? What, if not Fettes and Oxford, is responsible for the obvious faith in his half-baked execution? He may, for example, want to banish hereditary peers, but they will simply be replaced by a new class of ermined Great and Good, who will, like all their predecessors, go native on appointment.

Name dropping in the city streets



David McKie

THE MOST common street name in Britain today is High Street, followed by Station Road, London Road and Church Road. The shortest are Cob, near Okehampton, Devon, and Rye, near Bridgwater, Somerset.

close, a court, a crescent, a road, a square and a walk, but not one has a forename to help you identify who is being saluted. John Bright Street, yes; but he only gets in because both his names were monosyllabic. Two years ago, the council at Midsomer Norton wanted to call a new street Reg Jones Close, after a local worthy, recently dead at 90.

Not guilty, Sir James

Don't believe Sir James Goldsmith's fictions, warns Leon Brittan: his newspaper ad asserting that Brussels runs Britain is a dangerous distortion

HONOURED though I and my 19 Commission colleagues may have been to consider members of the British Government, the newspaper advertisement from Sir James Goldsmith yesterday paints a dangerously distorted picture of the role and powers that the Commission exercises.

in the hands of British and other European ministers, where they belong. The Commission's job is to put forward proposals that can be taken up or overturned by the British and other European governments (as they often are), to execute the common instructions of those governments, and to enforce the treaties agreed unanimously by heads of state (including Britain).

ment, then I'm Sir James Goldsmith. As for the European Court of Justice: behind the steady stream of British "defeats" at the hands of foreign judges, paraded publicly in the British press, lies a far greater number of cases where Britain has either won or the Court has ruled that Europe should keep its hands off the issue.

lowed, would have done us immense harm. Had such a path been pursued over the last 20 years, we would have had no influence over the Common Market, no say in Europe's dealings with America and other world partners, and no chance to reform key European policies (such as agriculture) which will affect our daily lives whether we are in or out.

mission, incidentally, has a very modest role in the first two, a detail that is conveniently omitted, Britain is maximising its influence on the reverse side of the international criminals and selling exports more effectively by cooperating with its European neighbours.

To imply that the European Commission is in any way akin to, or as powerful as, the British Government is as insulting to Westminster as it is flattering to Brussels. The reins of power within the European Union rest firmly

Those who adopt the museum-curator's view of national sovereignty — that it must be kept absolutely intact in its original form rather than adapted to modern-day usage — will argue that any pooling of power with Britain's European partners amounts to the creation of a federal European super-state. This is factually incorrect; and in my view that, if followed, would have done us immense harm.

There is simply no truth in the view that the British economy is run for Europe's benefit, with Brussels increasing our taxes and lowering our incomes. Brussels does not determine our tax rates or incomes, and almost all Euro-legislation emerging these days is geared to removing barriers to exports and investment abroad, rather than the other way round.

There are two Chamberlains, Joseph, Austen and Neville. There are two Chamberlains

Natasha Walter calls for the 'newspaper' that exploits violence against women to be hoisted on to the top shelves in newsagents

The sport of misogyny



WHAT a bizarre publication the Sport newspaper is, flaunting its knickers and banner headlines of gibberish at the end of the row of newspapers in your corner shop. You would like to see it as marginal, a silly little

rag of no importance to anyone. But as its editor, Jeremy Paxman, reminded me last night, it has more readers than Newsnight has viewers. When the Guardian printed its list of newspaper circulation figures last

Monday, the Sport was nowhere to be seen, and yet it sells more copies than the Independent. Its recent behaviour has reminded us that we would be wrong to ignore it. Yesterday, for the second time, it printed a list of telephone

numbers for four women in Manchester who had complained about a strippers' bar, or what is now more fashionably called a lap-dancing club. The club faces a ban on stripping because of the actions of the complainants, three of whom are local councillors. Whether or not you support their campaign, spare a thought for the women now. Their telephones have been blocked by callers keen to harass them and inform them, proudly, that they are Sport readers.

If the Sport were really a newspaper, the Press Complaints Commission would deliver a stern rebuke, advertisers would withdraw, writers and stars would turn their backs in disgust. But the Sport doesn't need to worry about any such reactions from Fleet Street, because it lives on another street, in another city altogether. Above all, it is buoyed up by its own advertising, from telephone sexlines and escort agencies. Because it has no desire to be part of the club, the club cannot hurt it.

The Sport sits with the newspapers in your corner shop, but it bears no relation to the other newspapers. It is pornography. Oh sure, you may say, but who cares? We're all liberated now. Yes, but this is pornography of a rather different kind from the magazines on the top shelf. The women in its pictures usually get to keep their G-strings on, but the message they are used to convey is not funny or giggy.

The Sport fills page after page with stories of violence against women. Yesterday's issue included "Blonde's love-bite terror" — the tale of a "busty blonde raped three times in one night", and left with bite marks all over her body; "Call girl sex ordeal over a kitchen sink"; the tale of "a stunning call girl" forced "to perform anal sex at knife-point"; and "She loved having it with

me, Jury told", about a gunman accused of raping a woman four times a day; alongside news of a "raven-haired beauty" threatened with a million pounds. The publication is a graphic reminder of the underbelly of modern sexuality, of the fact that women are still struggling for equality in a country in which a million men every day want to read about their abuse. It belongs not with the newspapers, but with the pornography.

Previous attempts to move the publication on to the top shelf have failed. Although the Home Office has recommended to the National Federation of Retail Newsagents that it should advise newsagents to class it as pornography, the Sport's publishers have warned the federation that if it does so it could face legal action under restrictive-trade laws.

But putting the Sport on to the top shelf is not censorship. It does not involve prosecuting the paper or demanding that it change its content. The Sport can be allowed to go on saying what it says, and doing what it does, but in a place that is less calculated to offend people who loathe it and everything it stands for. Above all, it would show that we are not prepared to accept the idea that the abuse of women is so mainstream that we can happily call it "sport", and see children laughing over it as they buy their ice-creams.

The British do have a taste for sex. Teenage girls' magazines that provide sex education are rebuked by MPs; British adults are not allowed to watch people making love on television; women are not allowed to dream over a picture of an erect penis. And yet we accept that a publication mainly dedicated to the abuse of women is a newspaper. Does it have to be like this?

Good-bye battery



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10 OBITUARIES

Henri Nannen

Hoaxed by Hitler

AS FOUNDED editor of the weekly magazine Stern, Henri Nannen, who has died aged 82, was one of post-war Germany's most influential journalists...

came one of the most powerful advocates of the new policy, which was vigorously opposed by the newspapers owned by the rightwing press baron Axel Springer...



Star struck... Stern magazine provided the high and low points of Henri Nannen's career

Daedalus dealt an almost fatal blow to Stern's reputation in Germany. Rival journalists, who had endured the arrogant air of omnipotence that Nannen instilled in his journalists, now gloated at the magazine's embarrassment...



Betty Gathergood

At home with Dr Johnson

ONE weekend last July, I had to ring Betty Gathergood at her Windsor home. During the course of a lengthy conversation she made a slip. She said she was "going home on Monday"...

treasures before incendiaries and firemen's hoses took their toll. The Daily Mirror building's basement was something of a shelter for sodden and shivering mother and daughter; a strongroom in a sub-basement of the Evening News was security for the treasures...

Betty was the third generation of her family to become curator at the house. Her grandmother, Isabella Dwyll, moved into the new curator's "lodge" in 1912...



Betty Gathergood... charm

first time, exhibitions were being mounted. In 1993, Betty attended one such opening, following the sudden death of Margaret Elliot. She asked me, if I thought anything could do to help, and amid all the dust, noise and disruption of the various workings, she took over the curatorship...

Lord Hammsworth Bertha (Betty) Phyllis Gathergood, curator, born February 18, 1916; died September 25, 1996

Jack Pepys

Mouldy hay and other allergies

JACK Pepys, who has died aged 82, transformed allergy from being regarded as a barely respectable subject of research into one based on firm scientific foundations...

fication of its cause showed the way to prevent the disease. Applying similar methods, he demonstrated the immunological basis of allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis — a lung disease he showed was due to a previously unrecognised pattern of immunological reaction to an inhaled mould, aspergillus fumigatus...



Bathing beauty... Laura La Plante as the bubbly heroine of the 1927 film The Love Thrill

Laura La Plante

Silent comedy in the boudoir

THE top stars at Universal Pictures in the 1920s were Lou Chaney, Priscilla Dean, Herbert Rawlinson, Reginald Denny and Laura La Plante, who has died aged 91. Of these, only Chaney is still widely remembered...

made her name in boudoir comedies with titillating titles such as The Dangerous Blonde (1924), Smouldering Fires (1925) and The Teaser (1926). The last was directed by former Keystone Kop, William A. Seiter, whom La Plante married in 1926...

debut in a part-talkie called Scandal (1929). In the same year, she was oversteerful as Magnolia in the first of three screen adaptations of the Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammerstein musical Showboat, which was filmed as a silent, wearing her hair short and dark, had her songs dubbed by Eva Olivetti...

system. In 1935, he starred his wife in Man of the Moment opposite Douglas Fairbanks Jr, who was broke at the time due to the collapse of his own film company. However, the insubstantial romantic comedy never got an American release, because Warners had a bar on importing British quickies...

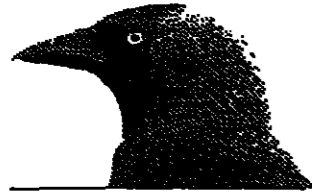
Laura La Plante, screen actress, born November 1, 1904; died October 14, 1996

His first success came with understanding the cause of farmer's lung, which had been correctly associated with mouldy hay since the 1930s, but the cause of the disease was unclear and an allergic basis was disputed. Applying the techniques of the developing science of immunology — particularly methods to separate proteins and identify precipitating antibodies in serum — Jack identified the needle in the haystack: a fungus, micropolyspora faeni, was the cause of the disease...

HE WAS a prolific and clear writer, and a wonderful speaker. His annual Christmas lecture at the Brompton was a masterpiece, often hilarious, review of the institution's progress. Jack Pepys, above all, took pleasure and pride in his family and their achievements: his wife Rhoda and daughter Sandra, both gifted artists, and his son Mark, professor of immunological medicine at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, all survive him.

Anthony Newman Taylor Jack Pepys, immunologist, born May 15, 1914; died September 9, 1996

Jackdaw



Bogus banter

Quantum Bogodynamics: A theory that characterises the universe in terms of bogus sources (such as politicians, used-car salesmen, TV evangelists, and suits in general), bogus sinks (such as taxpayers and computers), and bogus potential fields. In Bogon absorption causes human beings to behave mindlessly and machines to fail (and may also cause both to emit secondary bogons); however, the precise mechanics of bogon-computer interaction are not yet understood. Quantum Bogodynamics is most often invoked to explain the sharp increase in hard-

ware and software failures in the presence of suits; the latter emit bogons, which the former absorb. Bogon (/boh'gon/ [by analogy with proton/electron/neutron], but doubtless reinforced after 1980 by the similarity to Douglas Adams's "Vogons") 1. The elementary particle of bogosity (see quantum bogodynamics). For instance, "The Ethernet is emitting bogons again" means that it is broken or acting in an erratic or bogus fashion. 2. A query packet sent from a TCP/IP domain resolver to a root server, having the reply used-car salesman, TV evangelist, and suits in general, bogon sinks (such as taxpayers and computers), and bogus potential fields. In Bogon absorption causes human beings to behave mindlessly and machines to fail (and may also cause both to emit secondary bogons); however, the precise mechanics of bogon-computer interaction are not yet understood. Quantum Bogodynamics is most often invoked to explain the sharp increase in hard-

cuts off the blood supply to the brain. It is thought that this explains much about the behaviour of suit-wearers. Bogometer: A notional instrument for measuring bogosity. Compare the "wankometer" described in the wank entry. Bogon filter: Any device, software or hardware, that limits or suppresses the flow and/or content of bogons. "Engineering hacked a bogon filter between the Cray and the VAXen, and now we're getting fewer dropped packets." See also bogosity, bogus. Bogosity: The degree to which something is bogus. At CMU, bogosity is measured with a bogometer; in a seminar, when a speaker says something bogus, a listener might raise his hand and say, "My bogometer just triggered." Bogus out: To become bogus, suddenly and unexpectedly. "His talk was relatively sane until somebody asked him a trick question; then he bogged out and did nothing but lame afterwords." A bogus quote from the Free Online Dictionary of Comput-

ing at http://uomabot.doc.ic.ac.uk/ Thanks to Andy Stout. Crime cock-up TWO MEN held up a petrol station in Chorlton, Manchester, in July 1991. They were armed with a tin of carrots, which they threatened to throw at the cashier, and escaped with over £300. October 1994 saw the theft of a nice unobtrusive little motor in Birmingham; unobtrusive, that is, apart from the eight-foot tall hedgehog on top. Owner John Davies, who used the car to advertise a children's centre, described the thief as either a "blind man or a raving idiot, because it's so distinguishable." In August 1995 a burglar tried to force his terrified woman victim to drink a spiked drink to keep her quiet while he ransacked her house in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. When the hysterical woman refused to touch it, he took a swig to prove that it wasn't poisonous. Police later found him collapsed, still holding her jewels and cash.

An Italian who turned to snatching handbags to finance his drug addiction came unstick in August 1995, when he robbed his own mother by mistake. The woman was walking along the street in Bari when her son, who didn't see her face until it was too late, sped past on a motorcycle and snatched her bag. Recognising him, his mother was so angry that she reportedly climbed up a wall. Wildlife experts in Wales, studying the migratory habits of a salmon with a microchip tagging device attached to its head, were more than a little surprised when it apparently climbed up a river bank and headed across dry land. The eight-pound fish ended up on a kitchen table with three others, when police arrived to arrest Paul Williams, who pleaded guilty to poaching in March 1994. Farical felonies from the Fortean Times book of Inept Crimes. Divine Hugh IT WASN'T my fault Grant got into the situation he did,

He should have told me, "I'm Hugh Grant the movie star don't tell them and I'll talk to you later." Then I would have had all the understanding in the world. But he didn't. Now all I want is an apology, then the video (soft porn "movie", Talkin' For Granted) and all this roadshow would stop. I wouldn't say I'm exploiting him. The way I see it we both got something out of the deal now the whole world knows him and the whole world knows me. People ask if I've stopped to think about his girlfriend in all of this — they wonder if I talk to her. Of course I don't. In fact, I've got Estee Lauder make-up in my purse. I could teach you a few things, though you wanna hold onto your man — you have to entertain him. Men come to me because they aren't getting it at home. I could school her — in fact, I'm writing a book about it, Divine Revelations. If only she'd known a few simple rules, think how much heartache could have been saved. Dianne Brown on Hugh Grant in the new edition of Arena. Private views TODAY we can reveal that a black-and-white publication which for 25 years has been purporting to be a newspaper is in fact a gigantic hoax perpetrated on the public by a sinister Australian-born lunatic. It now turns out that after five minutes of investigation, the Sun has never been a newspaper at all. It is merely a collection of pic-

Birthdays

Peter Bowles, actor, 60; Dr Stefan Buczacki, biologist, broadcaster and author, 51; Max Bygraves, singer and entertainer, 74; Alison Chitty, theatre designer, 48; David Congdon, Conservative MP, 47; Michael Forsyth MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, 42; Paul Gallagher, general secretary, Associated Engineering and Electrical Union, 52; Gunter Grass, novelist, 69; Terry Griffiths, former world snooker champion, 49; Angela Lansbury, actress, 71; Sir Peter Large, chairman, Joint Committee on Mobility for Disabled People, 65; Lord (Murray) MacLohose of Beoch, former governor, Hong Kong, 79; Stuart MacLeod, fashion designer, 37; Hugh MacMillan, chief constable, Northern Constabulary, 64; Margaret Nabarro, musician, Liberal Democrat MP, 55; The Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, president, Queens' College, Cambridge, 66; Simon Ward, actor, 56; William Webb, conductor and artistic director, 49; John Whittingdale, Conservative MP, 37.

Death Notices

EDWARD, Janet Gabriel Mary, Personality on 12 October at St. Wilfrid's Hospice, Deane, surrounded by her family. Private funeral services will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday 20 October at St. Peter's Church, West Yorkshire. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Mrs. Edna Dorothy, nee Platt, nee St. George's Hospital Special Trustees, Cancer Victims Campaign and sure to Edward White, St. Peter's, 1918-1996. Mrs. Edna Dorothy, nee Platt, nee St. George's Hospital Special Trustees, Cancer Victims Campaign and sure to Edward White, St. Peter's, 1918-1996. Mrs. Edna Dorothy, nee Platt, nee St. George's Hospital Special Trustees, Cancer Victims Campaign and sure to Edward White, St. Peter's, 1918-1996.

In Memoriam

RESTFULNESS. Departed 33 years ago without your illness. Loved and missed so much.

Birthdays

SEN CASTLE, has reached double figures. Happy birthday with love from Dad and Mum. Mrs. Edna Dorothy, nee Platt, nee St. George's Hospital Special Trustees, Cancer Victims Campaign and sure to Edward White, St. Peter's, 1918-1996.

of women in their underwears accompanied by exhortations to vote Conservative by various clapped-out old hacks. Full story, p24. EXTORTION: Minister Neil Hamilton shocked the world yesterday by admitting that he was guilty of openly accepting votes from local constituents when he should have been representing efficient foreign businessmen. The shocking truth was revealed to one of Hamilton's business associates, who was later quoted as saying: "This is an absolute disgrace! I've always been loyal to the man and I've always gone down to the local cashpoint booth in order that I might exercise my democratic right to bribe an MP. This will be the last time he gets my loot. I can tell you!" News Private Eye style. Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-715 4365; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 111 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER. Emily Sheffield

Banks play Bar BZW go as nerve Whitbread to Brewer is big cheese after bidding 290m MPs cheer flight con

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Co-operative Bank managing director Terry Thomas challenges rivals to promise that they will not finance the manufacture of land-mines



Terry Thomas: 'I hope all the banks will put commercial rivalry to one side to ensure the elimination of land-mines' PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRISTOPHER THOMSON

Lenders make a killing

Richard Norton-Taylor
THE extent to which high street banks have financed arms sales to repressive regimes with the active support of the Government is highlighted in a report published today by the World Development Movement, a leading Third World pressure group.
Citing Midland, Lloyds, National Westminster and Barclays, its says banks admitted their willingness to fund arms deals in the new open market for weapons after the end of the cold war.
An exception is the Co-operative Bank, which today is cleared by the Advertising Standards Authority after a complaint by Midland. The Co-op used a picture of a landmine to make the point that "it did not, and will not, finance the sale of arms to Iraq, Iran or any other oppressive regime".
The advertisement, placed in the national press following publication of the Scott report into the arms-to-Iraq scandal earlier this year, did not name Midland. But it was the only bank specifically mentioned in the Scott inquiry.
Despite aggressive marketing and fierce competition, the arms trade is shielded by commercial and military secrecy.
However, evidence obtained by the WDM shows that Midland helped to finance the sale of Hawk jets to Indonesia in 1993. According to the WDM, the jets have been seen over East Timor, where a third of the population has been killed since the Indonesian invasion in 1975.
In the 1990s, Midland set up

An evil trade that banks can stop

TODAY 65 people will be killed or maimed by anti-personnel landmines. This is a horrific statistic, especially for a banker who knows that the evil trade in these weapons could be stopped if banks refused all lines of finance.
The link between certain banks and arms companies exporting weapons such as land-mines is one of the most under-exposed aspects of the arms trade. It is easy for financial institutions to hide behind neutral lending decisions when in fact their decisions are measured out in lives.
Earlier this year Lord Justice Scott attempted to unravel the intricacies of the arms-to-Iraq scandal. His report noted well-founded suspicions that at least one arms company — which banked with a high street bank — had exported arms to Iran and Iraq through another company.
It is important that banks learn the lessons of Scott. I am convinced that in future all financial institutions will be called upon to justify their investment policies on ethical as well as financial grounds.
I believe that British banks can show moral leadership. I hope that on the single issue of anti-personnel land-mines all the banks will put their commercial rivalry to one side in order to ensure the elimination of these devices, which con-

tinued to kill or maim 24,000 people every year.
But why should banks adopt this stance? According to the Red Cross, landmines have killed more people worldwide than nuclear weapons or poison gas. But because the civilian victims injured by landmines live in Third World villages there is little public awareness in Britain of their horrific impact.
An estimated 2 million to 3 million anti-personnel land-mines were laid in 1994. In the same period only 100,000 mines were cleared at a cost of £40 million. Yet it is now largely accepted in military circles that anti-personnel mines have little or no use in modern warfare.
The United Nations is working towards a world-wide ban on all anti-personnel mines but the political process is painstakingly slow. Canada has recently launched an innovative process outside the UN and has challenged the world to sign a ban treaty in Ottawa in December 1997, to be implemented by 2000.
Some countries still believe the problem can be solved by ensuring all new land-mines self-destruct after a defined period, despite evidence that the failure rate in these mines could be 10 per cent.
Progress could be accelerated if every bank agreed they would never again fi-

Water companies' price prospects doubly dammed

Nicholas Barnister
WATER companies suffered a double blow yesterday with news that industry regulator Ofwat wants to publish an end to ever-increasing bills and that the Government may extend its powers.
A leaked Department of the Environment report on water resources said the Government was considering requests by Ofwat and the Environment Agency for "reinforcements or extension" of their powers.
The Government, which wants the water companies and their customers to use water more efficiently, is to publish a consultation paper about the regulators at a later date.
Separately, Ian Byatt, the director-general of Ofwat, said he planned to re-examine the industry's price controls in 1999, five years before he has to.
Mr Byatt said yesterday that customers had seen prices rising for too long and it was time they should benefit from cost-cutting.
He said: "The increased efficiency reported by the companies is a good indication that incentive regulation is working. The companies are using their resources more ef-



North West Water have changed radically after acquiring electricity companies.
Mr Byatt, who is keen to counter Labour allegations that the regulatory system is not working, announced a 10-year price regime for the industry in 1994. On average this would have held annual price rises at no more than 1 per cent above inflation.
In recent months, Mr Byatt's counterparts in the gas and electricity industries have sought to bolster their credentials with a potential Labour government by taking a tough stance in favour of consumers.
City analysts said that no one in the water industry expected the current price regime to run its full 10 years. But Mr Byatt's announcement of a new review after five years had come about six months earlier than expected.
Kevin Kapwood, water analyst at Merrill Lynch, said the relationship between Mr Byatt and Labour had not been particularly friendly and the regulator was making the point that the regulatory system was working well.
Labour environment spokesman Frank Dobson said the companies were "rolling in money" and operating under a very easy regime, had given the customer a bad deal.

Murdoch sees sport as the key to pay-TV gains

Tony May
RUPERT Murdoch said yesterday that he planned to use sport as a "battering ram" to draw a wider market for News Corporation's global pay-television services.
At the annual general meeting in Adelaide, he said sport "absolutely overpowers" film and everything else in drawing viewers to pay television.
He repeated earlier forecasts of a "very good year" from his UK newspapers which would, along with his US Fox TV operation, drive profits forward by a fifth over the current year.
The BSkyB satellite business, 40 per cent owned by

News Corp, is booming and will change within the next 12 months to digital broadcasting from analogue. This will allow it to increase the number of its channels from 36 to more than 150, all with greater quality and definition.
He said the new service would be capable of home banking and other interactive services — the first system in the world to do so. The move to digital would have some costs associated with it, but would take the satellite operator to new heights and much greater penetration and acceptance by the public.
Referring to the newspaper division, Mr Murdoch said: "Advertising in the United Kingdom is, relatively speaking, booming," and went on:

Peugeot's new 'baby' to be born at Ryton

Chris Barrie
Business Correspondent
FRENCH car company Peugeot is to invest hundreds of millions of pounds in making a second car, a new "baby" 206, at its Ryton plant near Coventry.
The investment, due to be announced formally in the new year, will secure the factory's future and its 2,600 jobs. Hundreds more jobs will be created among component suppliers.
The plans emerged on the opening day of the motor show in Birmingham, where Vauxhall confirmed that it would spend £300 million modernising its Ellesmere Port plant in Cheshire, as reported in yesterday's Guardian.
Vauxhall executives indicated that the investment, sanctioned by parent company General Motors, boded well for its chances of securing further funds to make a second car at Ellesmere Port's sister plant at Luton.
The Vauxhall investment was swiftly welcomed by industry minister Greg Knight as confirmation that Britain was "the centre of investment in the car industry".
Peugeot executives were tight lipped about the Ryton plans, but it emerged

News in brief

Inchcape sells Bain Hogg for £160m

INCHCAPE is selling Bain Hogg Group, its insurance broker unit, to Aon, one of the world's largest insurance brokers, for £160 million cash, allowing the company to focus on its international distribution business. The sale to Chicago-based Aon would result in a £195 million exceptional pre-tax loss, Inchcape said.
Previously, the company said it would spin off the unit by the year-end rather than sell it to another company. Inchcape said that would have required a £13 million cash injection. "Having secured a price significantly above the value we expect the market to place on the company if demerged, I am convinced that today's disposal to Aon represents the best value for our shareholders," chairman Colin Marshall said. — *Bloomberg*

Gehe draws in horns

STUTTGAERT-based Gehe, one of two suitors for Lloyds Chemists, yesterday continued its withdrawal from pharmaceutical manufacturing with the sale of two more businesses. Its Azurpharma business is going to Switzerland's Sandoz group for £265 million, while GNB-pharma in Paris is being sold to BASF of Germany for an undisclosed sum. Gehe estimates the withdrawal from pharmaceutical manufacturing will raise £760 million.
Gehe's bid for Lloyds Chemists, along with a rival offer from Unichem, is currently on hold awaiting a ruling from the Trade and Industry Secretary, Ian Lang. — *Mark Milner*

Seddon Atkinson revs up

An upturn in the British commercial vehicles industry was signalled yesterday as Seddon Atkinson, the Oldham, Lancashire, truck makers, replaced short-time working with overtime. Fifty new jobs will be created in November when the company's 528 current workers will end a three-day week imposed in July. — *Martyn Halsall*

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Tom sail leaves on crew feeling deflated

Simon Montague on board Nuclear Electric sends his second BT Global Challenge report

IT WAS just after midday when the destruction began. From the head of the sail. Without drama, the tear in the thin green cloth spread horizontally, then accelerated rapidly down each side of the spinnaker. Released from the tapes that form the edges, the centre of our giant sail fluttered gently down towards the water. The effect is best described as like peeling back the lid of a sardine can. Crews of 100 on the cockpit brought chaos to the lunch table racing on deck at a speed that would do credit to the fire brigade. Ducking our way to the bow, we scurried to gather the billowing material before the forward momentum could take it under the keel, where damage that was already considerable could have become irreparable. Twenty minutes later Nuclear Electric was under full power again, new spinnaker hoisted. Crews of the old one stretched out along the companionway below. No one spoke and a mood of despondency settled on the crew. It seemed so unfair. We are not the first and will be the last to see the fleet to blow out a spinnaker, but to lose it in only 18 knots of wind, with no sudden accidental shock-load to blame, is a bitter blow. Our "race special" has been up most of the past 10 days and we speculate that its weak spot may have been the result of previous stresses, combined with ultraviolet deterioration in the tropical sun. Thankfully our skipper Richard Tudor, a former sailmaker, decides not to order hand-sewn repairs, a task that could take a team of seamstresses two days to complete, working round the clock in the sweltering heat below deck. We will wait for a professional job when we reach Rio, but that means handing out three remaining spinnakers for the next 2,000 miles. At the moment we hold a mid-table position in the 14-strong BT Global Challenge fleet. Hoping that forecasts will reward the bold, we have steered away from most of our rivals, keeping close to Africa. It is a strategy which will soon be tested in the doldrums, some 500 miles north of the equator. We aim to surmount through further to the east, moving which may be on or bust so far as this leg is concerned. "It's an educated guess that it'll work," says Tudor. The theory is that a low-pressure system over Africa will provide better following winds for us than those further west. We hope to gain considerable advantage, but there is the risk that our own sails will be left flapping uselessly while the others slip through. Perhaps we have arrived in the doldrums already. As I write it is 2am and "A" watch, to which I belong, has just been relieved of its watch. Our concentration duty since we left home. The mainsail slaps lazily while our lightweight spinnaker ripples and shimmies as it tries to fill, then collapses again. The Atlantic slaps lazily and Nuclear Electric wallows just enough to prevent a useful airflow building up over the sails. Brightly coloured mooring devices along beneath the deck light, a curious sight hundreds of miles out to sea. We are racing at under three knots. "It's the first time we've stopped in two weeks," says Mark Johnstone, who has been pushing to gain concentration at the helm. Our evening has been enlivened only by this spinnaker becoming seemingly so bored that it tripped itself loose from the pole and had to be rehoisted. By day it is stinking hot. Only the flying fish find energy, flitting across the surface, their colours suggesting some kind of miniature winged mackerel. We are a happy ship, but with slow speeds, tropical weather and growing pressure to catch the leaders as we near Rio, frustrations may well develop and tensions emerge. We must be on guard; this great race is still only just beginning.



Chart topper... Simon Montague keeps an eye on the weather as he delivers a report on Nuclear Electric's radio

Haydock runners and riders with form

Table listing race results for Haydock, including race numbers, names of horses and riders, and their finishing positions.

Exeter (N.H.)

Table listing race results for Exeter, including race numbers, names of horses and riders, and their finishing positions.

Racing Eddery puts in a good word for Canon Can

Canon Can, one of two three-year-olds apparently "thrown in" at the weights for Saturday's Tote Cesarewitch Handicap, received a vote of confidence from Pat Eddery yesterday even though the champion elect is unlikely to be in the saddle at Newmarket. Eddery was aboard Kristall's Paradise when that horse was clipped by Canon Can at Pontefract last month, a form which the handicapper was unable to take into account when framing the weights for the Newmarket race. Canon Can would be 14lb higher in the ratings. The Henry Cecil-trained gelding is owned by Norwich-based company Canon (Anglia) Co., whose managing director, Ron Gray, disclosed: "Pat badly wants to ride him, but he realises that with the weight as it is at present he can't do it." Canon Can is set to carry 7st 10lb and only in the unlikely event of several weights dropping out would Eddery be able to take the ride. At present he is pencilled in for the Ian Balding-trained Blaze Away. But Gray said: "Pat only had to put on a few pounds overweight he would ride, but as it stands we provisionally booked Jimmy Quinn." Canon Can dominated the early betting exchanges for the Cesarewitch and the sponsor yesterday cut his price to 7-2 from 4-1. Hill's still offer 4-1, but Canon Can is being strongly challenged for favouritism by Jiyush. Another to have shown his best form since the publication of the weights, Jiyush will be running off a 15lb higher mark after Saturday. However, the Canon Can camp remain confident. "I've been talking to Henry and he says he's very happy with the horse - I want to see him at the weekend and he looked in superb shape," added Gray. Other well-backed Cesarewitch contenders yesterday were Ivor's Flutter, into 10-1 from 14-1 with Coral. Baldernally, who was cut from 11-1 to 9-1 by Ladbrokes, and Harbour Island, who hardened to 16-1 (from 25-1) with Coral after it was revealed he will be ridden by Frankie Dettori. There will be no Cesarewitch ride for Jason Weaver. He misses the entire Newmarket meeting after losing his appeal against his latest riding ban at a hearing of the Jockey Club disciplinary committee yesterday. Weaver is the first jockey to have a suspended sentence activated under the Jockey Club's new disciplinary code. Found guilty of irresponsible riding on Shirley Sue at Pontefract, Weaver collected a four-day suspension which activated the five days that had been deferred just seven weeks earlier. This brings his total suspensions to 42 days this year and Weaver has claimed he has been victimised, with the bans costing him around £15,000 in lost riding fees and prize money. "I am disappointed not to win, but I am not going to cry about it," he said. Asked if he still believed he was being victimised, Weaver replied: "It probably feels like that because I have snowballed through the season. But I live to fight another day." At Haydock today, Champion Hurdle horse Dato Star (5.00) can open his account on the Flat. He may not be fully wound up, but with the Haydock training more like jumping, more element Dato Star will be in his element.

Wetherby (N.H.)

Table listing race results for Wetherby, including race numbers, names of horses and riders, and their finishing positions.

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Soccer

United hope to be third time luckier

David Lacey in Istanbul on high hopes of avoiding more Turkish trouble

LATE autumn in the Champions League, it seems, is almost bound to find Manchester United awaiting events by the Bosphorus...



High and mighty... Peter Schmeichel turns over a shot in Manchester United training at the Fenerbahce Stadium last night

opponents attacking space. The result was chaotic. Neither Cruyff nor Poborsky showed any inclination to track back...

Keane, Ryan Giggs is the other main doubt with an ankle injury. Juventus, who won 1-0 in the Fenerbahce Stadium...

Ferguson is convinced that 10, possibly nine, points will be enough to take United to the quarter-finals...

Luckless Laudrup saddled as the lone Ranger in the danger zone

Patrick Glenn in Amsterdam finds Glaswegian problems in attack against Ajax tonight

IN A city whose pedestrians must take care to avoid falling into its many canals after dark...

work-out and Smith will be thankful to have even one of them available. "They are a little further forward than they were yesterday, but not much..."

be playing with boys hardly out of their apprenticeships. Smith took mild exception to Van Gaal's comments...

"Paul is an individualist, like myself," he said, "and sometimes people will say we're only playing for ourselves..."

First Division: Reading 2, Manchester City 0

Nogan double nails City

Steve Coppell does not do things by halves: he does them by quarter. The Manchester City manager has given himself four matches to assess his new players before deciding if changes are needed...

shot from the left edge of the area. Wright did well to push away at full stretch. But then the top returned, along with the uncertainty at the back and hesitation up front...

Results

Table of sports results including Soccer, Scottish League, Welsh National League, Rugby Union, and Golf.

Table Tennis

Table of table tennis results for European Women's League and other events.

A pinch of promotion salt from Sellars

Bolton Wanderers 1, Tranmere Rovers 0. Bolton may not be good enough for the Premiership but they could also be too good for the First Division...

Wrexham 1, Accrington 0

Wrexham 1, Accrington 0. Wrexham's goal came in the 64th minute of the game when Steve White curled in a dangerous shot from the left edge of the area...

Fixtures

Table of upcoming fixtures for various sports including Soccer, Rugby Union, and Basketball.

Cricket Women given the vote again by MCC. MCC members will be given another opportunity next year to abandon centuries of sexism by admitting women into the game's most august club...

San Remo style... Colin McRae leads into today's final leg. McRae's victory was a surprise as he had been considered a dark horse...

Cricket Women given the vote again by MCC

David Hopps

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When push comes to shove... Great Britain's full-back Steve Prescott gives the brush-off to Shane Endacott, the fly-half son of the Kiwis' Test coach

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Tour match: New Zealand President's XIII 30, Great Britain XIII 22

Hammond a source of optimism for the humbled Lions

Andy Wilson in Wellington

IF THEIR experience of 10 days in New Zealand has taught Great Britain's tourists anything, it is that rugby league here is considerably healthier on than off the field.

Both matches, however, have been watched by pitifully small crowds, although Graham Carden, the code's driving force here since Super League arrived in the spring of 1995, still expects up to 20,000 for Friday night's Test in Auckland.

Barrie-Jon Mather, their most threatening attackers, engineered gilt-edged chances for Chris Joynt and Steve Prescott but on each occasion the St Helens players were unable to hold on to the ball.

down in communications between Tony Smith and Tulse Tollett. The British half-backs redeemed themselves when Tollett sent Smith between the posts in the 49th minute, but the Kiwis extended their lead with a penalty from the full-back David Murray and a try by the former Hull stand-off Shane Endacott, the son of New Zealand's Test coach Frank Larder.

and Jason Critchley, to move from loose forward to left-centre in the second half. Eight minutes from time he drifted to the right to score a superb individual try which, with Prescott's conversion, brought the tourists' back to within two points. But Endacott's second try confirmed the ending of the Lions' unbeaten tour record.

ffect our preparation or confidence for the big one." Or as the Kiwi coach Endacott put it: "I think the British Test team is sitting in Auckland."

Snooker

Cue a bitter power struggle

Clive Everton on the eve of the Grand Prix in Bournemouth finds increasing opposition to the sport's rulers and structure in the run-up to a potentially stormy WPBSA election in December

AS FOR the Conservative Party Conference last week, so for the Snooker Grand Prix which today follows it into the Bournemouth International Centre: the faithful will congregate to applaud the favourites, but backstage there is discord, dissent and disharmony under the shadow of an impending election.

must put up £1.37 million prize-money. "I'm appalled at the lack of sponsorship and I believe a lot of money is being wasted," says Williams. "The whole operation looks a bit of a sham."

WPBSA than at the game, which is in excellent shape." Benson and Hedges originated the Masters in 1975 and still promotes it at Wembley. When the company entrusted the draw of its Edinburgh satellite event to the association, it was bemused to learn that the draw was distributed initially with the wrong number of pots.

ing farcical proportions," says snooker's leading manager Ian Doyle, who supports Williams. "Last year the Grand Prix was supposed to be in Bournemouth but someone at WPBSA forgot to book it and we ended up in Sunderland."

utions of the board, a letter in Spencer's name said that to be an association board member "requires no business experience, qualifications, previous directorships or a piece of the like. What is required, however, is a love of snooker... a willingness to work very hard for the game [and] to be a target of those who profess to support snooker but in actual fact are only concerned in personal gain."

ning an industry in the main." The chairman is elected by the board. Association rules do not permit board members to be paid but for the past nine years they have received a notorious £1-a-mile travelling expense (up to 250 miles per journey) plus hotel, meal and phone expenses. Last year they proposed that they should be formally paid — at rates fixed by themselves — but failed to get it passed at an extraordinary meeting.

Squash

Fights for first strings

ian McKenzie in Kuala Lumpur

HERE were predictable 3-0 pool-match victories for Australia and England in the women's world team championship, but only after both the expected finalists had seen their first strings seriously embarrassed by lower-ranked opponents.

kinson refused to buckle and, on her fourth game ball, levelled with a second 10-8 win. Jackman rediscovered her deep drives — and her commitment, judging from the abuse she gave herself — to take the deciding fifth 9-2.

THE OWN-GOALS

Motor Racing Damon Hill was mobbed by 300 cheering supporters waving union flags and autograph books when he returned to Britain from Japan last night. The newly crowned Formula One world champion and his wife Georgina needed a police escort of six officers before they could make their way through the Terminal Four concourse at Heathrow.

Golf Robert Allenby will play just one shot in a tournament next week to protect his third place on the European Tour money list and its \$70,000 bonus. The Australian cracked his breastbone in a car crash and cannot swing a club properly, but he must compete in the Volvo Masters at Valderrama this month to retain his place and a possible invitation to next year's US Masters. "He feels embarrassed about doing it," said his coach Steve Bann. "We don't want to make it a circus act."

Rugby League New Zealand officials admitted that the Central District Colts side that beat the British Academy Under-19 team 38-30 yesterday included a number of over-age players. "That's not on," protested the tourists' coach John Kear. "I don't mind losing but it has got to be a level playing field." Kear rested most of the players who had beaten Auckland Under-19 48-16 last Thursday and the second string were always struggling against a big, powerful team from the Wellington region.

Quinnell cashes in

Robert Armstrong

SCOTT QUINNELL has agreed a contract to play for Wales that could earn him up to £78,000 from his international return this season.

Quinnell, who won nine caps in 1993-94, will receive £4,000 match fees plus enhanced win bonuses of up to £4,000 as well as his basic salary of £20,000 a season. The deal, which makes the Wales No. 8 available for a maximum of seven internationals this season, compares more than favourably with the standard contract given to members of the Wales squad, which is worth £30,000 a year plus £2,000 match fees and £2,000 win bonuses.

United States on January 4 and all four matches in the 1997 Five Nations Championship. He may be rested for the US game, which is likely to be used to try out less experienced players.

Wales stay at home

David Plummer

ENGLAND will have to face Wales in Cardiff in this season's Five Nations Championship. The game on March 15 was to have been moved to Wembley but the Welsh Rugby Union said that, through "an innovative redevelopment design", the National Stadium's capacity for the international will be reduced to 42,000 rather than the 32,000 originally feared.

row and if Gareth Llewellyn of Harlequins stayed at lock, the principally could put out arguably its strongest pack since the Seventies. However, it remains to be seen whether Quinnell's financial terms, which were negotiated by his agent Mike Burton, will accelerate or delay an agreement between the Welsh Rugby Union and Webster and Young, and indeed other players on the threshold of the Wales squad. The assiduous Burton is, moreover, still seeking a permanent-disability insurance policy, which requires big premiums from the WRU, on behalf of his client before allowing the contract to be signed and sealed. It is surprising that the WRU did not insist on precisely the same contract for Quinnell as that agreed with other members of the Wales squad, including Swansea's Scott Gibbs, another high-profile returnee. There may be little to choose by the end of the season between Quinnell's Welsh earnings and his team-mates'; they can earn up to £70,000 if they play in all to international. But a contentious precedent has been set which could open a can of worms in future negotiations. Still, Wales's recent international form, which has yielded one championship win in the past two years, suggests they have some way to go before Quinnell can collect regular win bonuses. The changes in personnel the Wales coach Kevin Bowring will have to make to develop a successful team will inevitably reduce the match fees of others. In the long term even Quinnell himself may struggle to hold his place, should Richmond fall to win promotion at the end of this season.



Lewis... too busy

ahead with the redesign," said the WRU's treasurer Glynor Griffiths. "It is not a question of anyone being to blame; we simply did not have the consent from Cardiff we needed and we had to ensure the work was completed on time."

The capacity of the stadium when the work is finished will now be 70,000, 5,000 less than the WRU intended, but its director of rugby Terry Cobner said he was overjoyed that Wales would be facing England in Cardiff after all.

Lewis, who worked with Bowring at A and Under-21 level before teaming up with him for the senior side, has stepped down from his part-time post because of the pressure of work. Cobner said: "He found it impossible to reconcile his duties as assistant national coach with those of his full-time job as a schoolmaster."

Carling stays at No. 10 in Ulster

Will Carling resumes his experimental role of fly-half as Harlequins open their Heineken European Cup season against Ulster in Belfast tonight.

Leicester at Lansdowne Road, has joined the exodus of Irish talent. The centre is to leave Dublin's Old Belvedere to join Moseley, who has already signed the former Old Wesley prop Henry Hurley.

Team talk

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Sport in brief

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Baseball Comeuppance awaited the St. Louis Cardinals yesterday. Leading the Atlanta Braves 3-1 and needing only one more win to join the New York Yankees in the World Series, they were routed 14-0 at home by the defending champions, the worst play-off defeat by anyone anywhere.

Swimming The secretary-general of Hungary's national association, Jozsef Rosa, has been banned for two years after an investigation into allegations that he hid his Olympic team went to Atlanta with qualifications based on a race meeting that never took place. Tamás Gyarmas, president of the Hungarian association, who resigned but was later re-elected, denounced the fraud as "inadmissible and a grave mistake".

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UEFA CUP SECOND ROUND

First leg: Ferencvaros 3, Newcastle 2

Shearer banishes Danube blues

Michael Walker in Budapest

BELIEVE it or not but Kevin Keegan advocated a "sensible European approach" to this game. What he had not considered before making that remark is the madness that runs through the Newcastle defence like writing in a stick of rock.

Having miraculously come back from a two-goal deficit before the interval Newcastle, all too predictably, managed to give away another goal. The Geordies do at least have the comfort of knowing that when Ferencvaros arrive at St James' Park in a fortnight Europe's best defenders will not be among the party.

But for their vulnerability at the back the Hungarians would have handed English football its most humiliating result since Barcelona thrashed Manchester United two seasons ago.

Newcastle came into the match in impressive form with six Premiership wins in a row under their belt. That has taken Keegan's team to a top place in the league but sandwiched in the midst of that sequence of victories was their defeat in Halmstad in the previous round of this competition.

After only 90 seconds it was that Scandinavian hiccup that came to mind when first Lee and then Watson surrendered possession needlessly. Lee's error was particularly culpable as he gave the ball to Ferencvaros' talented playmaker Lisztes.

He soon had Horvath scam-

pering down the right and forced Srnicek into a smothering dive. That was much sharper than the Czech's next involvement in play.

Collecting the ball in his half of the centre circle the bulky, bald-headed figure of Miruta sent a raking pass over the top of the back-pedalling Newcastle defence. It was again aimed for the speedy Horvath but Beresford seemed in control of the situation. However, whether he got a shout from his keeper or just assumed Srnicek would be there, Beresford left the ball alone. Srnicek was caught outside his area and in ripped Horvath.

He went by Srnicek and stroked the ball into the empty net. It was a calamitous misunderstanding and only seven minutes had gone. And yet it was to get much worse for Newcastle before it got any better. Nine minutes later another mistake, this time by Watson, allowed Nagy to get a foot in near the byline on the left wing. From the resulting cross Horvath threw himself in ahead of Beresford but his cute header hit the far post. The move was not over for the Hungarians though, as Lisztes followed up and put the rebound away stylishly.

Newcastle were shell-shocked. All they had to offer in between was a 20-yard Gillespie shot. It was down the Irishman's flank that Newcastle were to find solace, although it was not Gillespie's doing.

Shearer, showing a passionate pride in his jersey, was the man who assumed responsibility. Twenty-four minutes



Getting a head... Ferencvaros's defender Kuznetsov denies Beresford in Budapest last night

had gone when he rushed past Kuznetsov and clipped in a fast cross that was met with corresponding velocity by Ferdinand's forehead. That was one back and Ferdinand let Peacock know in no uncertain manner that he did not want to be chasing another

two-goal lead. Peacock obliged and in 10 more minutes Newcastle were level. Once again it was Shearer at the centre of the action when he delivered the most emphatic of finishes to Barty's right-wing cross. The ball hit

of an eye and £15 million began to look reasonable value. It was Shearer's fifth consecutive game for club and country in which he has scored.

In a breathless first half the Geordies then almost went ahead. This time, however, Seiler managed to get enough of a touch on to Lee's side-foot shot to divert the ball on to a post and then agonisingly along the goaline but not over it.

It was clear that defending is not top of either club's agenda, a point reinforced 11 minutes after half-time when Beardsley gifted the ball to

Nicsenko in the Newcastle area. The blond forward quickly found Lisztes and his shot immediately swept past Srnicek. Again.

With Ginola coming on for the ineffective Gillespie Newcastle were hardly shoring it up but despite further clumsiness from Beardsley and Beresford managed to keep the scoreline retrievable for the return leg.

Last Saturday Motty celebrated his silver jubilee on Match of the Day, 25 years during which he has become a national institution (is it really only that long?). His sheepskin coat, his little chuckle, his unerring ability to state the blindingly obvious: where would the armchair fan be without him? Motts has become a by-word for enthusiasm for statistics. Bill Frindall, Statto: they all bow before this prince among anoraks. No one can catch him out. When he appeared on They Think It's All Over, Rory McGrath recalls trying to have an off-camera dig at his expense. As some footage ran of a Premiership game, McGrath leant over to Motts and said: "Note, that's the only left-handed linesman in the league." To which Motts responded: "I think you'll

Motty's long journey began with 39 steps



Jim White

ALX FERGUSON has often claimed he detects a Liverpool bias on Match of the Day. But on one occasion at least, a certain member of the BBC's team was more than happy to see Manchester United beat their rivals along the East Lancs Road.

In 1977 a young John Motts commented on his first Cup Final, Liverpool v United. Characteristically thorough in his preparation, Motts had read in his research how many steps there were up to the royal box. And, noting that one of the team captains was the namesake of the writer of a well-known thriller, a phrase came into his head: "How appropriate that a man named Buchan should climb the 39 steps to receive the Cup."

Remembering his debut some years after the event, Motty told me in an interview that he had "not been at all satisfied by my performance. And I think a number of people who were watching were thinking much the same. They were rather impressed when that ad lib came out at the end. But of course it wasn't an ad lib; I'd written it down." Buchan saved his bacon, Motts reckoned.

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find, Rory, that there are currently four left-handed linesmen on the league list."

But there is more to Motty than the crude parroting of facts. That first Cup final typified his approach. Where David Coleman became renowned for tripping over his own tongue in moments of high excitement, Motts has forged a career by slipping well honed little epithets into his commentary: "It's delicious, it's delightful, it's Denmark" or "Surprising, startling and you can also call it sensational" or "The Crazy Gang have beaten the Culture Club".

"Twice I have had the privilege of seeing his studied preparation at close quarters. The first occasion was just before the 1982 Cup Final. Stupidly I was sitting in their final league game away at Brighton and Motty checked himself into the team hotel. When the players came to check out, he stood by the reception and, without saying a word, stared at each one in turn, his nose about half an inch from theirs. "I'm just familiarising myself with their facial characteristics," was his explanation. One of the players was less certain. Climbing aboard the coach he was heard to tell a team-mate: "Bloody hell, I've just been eyeballed by Motty."

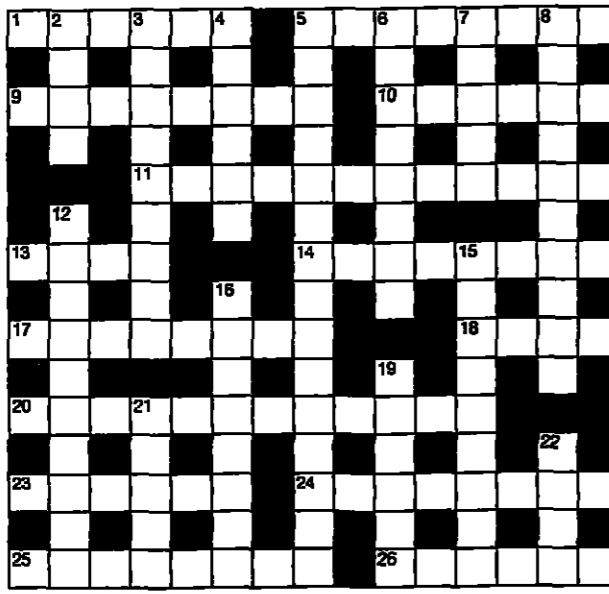
AND THEN, last month, I found myself sitting next to him in the stands at the Oxford United v Sheffield Wednesday Coca-Cola Cup tie. He was due to commentate on Wednesday that Saturday and wanted to have his standard no-half-measures look at them. As he sat there, shoulders hunched into his mac, a radio earpiece keeping him in contact with the other games, I became aware of a murmuring noise accompanying the action. It emanated from Motty. Even off duty, it seems, he cannot watch a match without commenting out loud, not in that "Knock it wide!" or "Ref, are you blind or what?" way of the average fan but in perfectly sculpted Motticisms.

In short, there is no one to touch Motty. We have much to be grateful to Martin Buchan for, and recently I had the chance to ask him whether he was aware of the significant part he had played in the career of inimitable Mott. Did he, for instance, have a videotape of the 1977 Cup final?

"Aye, somewhere," Buchan dead-panned. "It's of ITV."

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18 Part of 19 running close to another (4)
20 Those who deal with generating companies' shares? (5-7)
23,22 Give worker parts of 19s for close conflict (4-2-4)
24 Trouble at Polish infirmary (8)
25 Dance time, about one in four (4,4)
26 Modest conclusion to game (2-4)

Down

2 Beast heard from 17 19 in candour (4)
3 Glend in the brain makes hippies crazy about Youth Service leaders (8)
4 Firm sort of door (6)
5 Enter settler, possibly by door, into the black stuff with female 19 unspecified (8,2,5)
6 Complete agreement of 12? (3,2,3)
7 Opening for 17 19 resurrection (5)
8 Weight of one left in 19 at church (10)
12 Confrontational aspect of champion (4,2,4)
15 Left with mistakes that make hills smaller? (8)
16 19s not altogether close? (3,2,3)

- Across**
- 1 Touching parts of 12? (8)
 - 5 Booty without monetary mechanism requires lubricant (5-5)
 - 9 Marina wrecked by marine linked parts of 19 (3-2-3)
 - 10 The French team's a joke among the English (6)
- 11** Siblings for belt—harsh, possibly (4-8)
13 Limits of grin or grain (4)
14 Doctor's first off bike with article—don't use water on it (8-5)
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Aberdeen 0, Brondby 2

Sand leaves Dons high and dry

JOHAN JENSEN was unaccountably accurate with his pre-match prediction. The former Arsenal midfielder believed his Brondby side would have to withstand a fast and furious first half-hour against Aberdeen and if that initial onslaught could be withstood he forecast the Danish champions would take charge.

The physical nature of the contest saw Brondby's midfielder Allan Ravn replaced by Tomas Thorgersen early on, and Scotland's striker Scott Booth made his first competitive appearance of the season when Aberdeen's midfielder Darren Young was injured.

Irvine and John Inglis inexplicably left a loose ball to the Danish striker, who dived his shot against a defender. Brute force seemed to be the Scottish side's only answer. A blistering shot from Dean Windass swerved through for Krogh to push the ball on to the post, and Irvine saw a header hit the top of the bar.

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